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Ex-leader returns to council Tory group

A FORMER council leader in Dudley is returning to frontline politics in the borough after rejoining Dudley Conservative Group

Councillor Les Jones, who stood down as leader of the Conservatives at Dudley Council in February, says he wants to offer 'proper opposition' to Labour.

He quit the party citing 'personal reasons' alongside his wife Councillor Karen Shakespeare.

The move came amid the backdrop of tensions over his leadership and the party losing control of the council to Labour in May 2012.

But now the pair, who had been sitting as independents, confirmed they were rejoining the Conservative group.

"Some of the issues were personal rather than political at that time," he said.

Councillor Jones said a strong opposition was needed to the Labour administration.

"I take the view that the UKIP vote is more to do with the national picture than Dudley and now more than ever it is time to offer the public a proper opposition on the council and strengthen the Conservative approach."

Councillor Jones represents Pedmore and Stourbridge East.

Sign of times at hospital

NEW boards displaying information for patients such as the number of nurses on duty have gone up on wards at Russells Hall Hospital.

The 5ft by 4ft wipe-clean magnetic boards have been installed in 27 areas. The boards are updated daily to provide details including how many staff are on duty on the ward, patient survey results, monthly compliments and complaints numbers, as well as the number of days the ward has been free from MRSA, C. Difficile, falls and pressure ulcers.

Too much heart medication may have killed GP



Dr Liz Pope — found dead at home

A DOCTOR who died at home two hours after a car crash may have accidentally taken too much heart condition medication, an inquest heard.

Dr Liz Pope, a GP in Stourbridge and a leading figure in Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, was found dead in the bath at her home in Claverley by her husband Trevor on November 27.

An inquest was told that the 38-year-old GP, who worked at the Three Villages Practice, Am-

blecote, died of flecainide toxicity following a road accident in which her car overturned.

Shropshire coroner John Ellery said there was no evidence to suggest Dr Pope had intended to kill herself. But there was a chance that she accidentally took too much of the drug, which is used to regulate an irregular heartbeat.

One theory given to the inquest, held in Shrewsbury, was that the GP took the drug because of the stress brought on by the accident.

The inquest heard Dr Pope had received treatment for a hole in the heart and had been taking flecainide to maintain heartbeat rhythm.

Dr Tamara Sharma-Dekker, a GP at Claverley Medical Practice, where Dr Pope was a patient, said she may have self-medicated to control palpitations after the crash.

Pathologist Dr Vivek Mudalir and toxicologist Dr Colin Seneviratne said they could not be spe-

cific on how many tablets she had taken.

The inquest heard the GP had shown no signs of depression and had just booked a riding holiday. She had plans to take part in a triathlon and was to volunteer at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this summer.

The coroner concluded her death was accidental.

The Three Villages Medical Practice said Dr Pope was 'sorely missed'.

Meeting countered care home rumours

A FIRM building a respite care home should have provided more information about the development to ease nearby residents' fears, a meeting heard.

People living near the development on the former Birch Coppice pub site, in Quarry Bank, packed into a meeting this week to hear from the scheme's bosses.

Many were concerned youngsters using the new six-bedroom building could cause anti-social behaviour.

Bosses from CareTech, who are building the bungalow, told residents that young people using the site had physical and learning difficulties and would be under constant supervision. Some use a wheelchair.

The bungalow being developed on the site will be used for 'respite breaks' for the youngsters and their families.

There are plans to convert the former pub itself into a seven-bedroom centre to house youngsters with similar needs.

Ward councillor Bryan Cotterill said: "This meeting was not called as a protest against the development. All of the ward councillors are very much in support of it."

"There were some inaccurate rumours going around, so this meeting was called to dispel the myths."

New petition over mosque

A NEW petition has been launched against controversial mosque plans after the latest appeal over the development in Dudley was allowed to go forward.

Dudley Muslim Association has been granted a second High Court appeal regarding the site in Hall Street.

The online petition is the latest twist in the long-running saga after Dudley Council, which wants to reclaim the land, refused planning permission.

MP IS BACKING WASTE BATTLE

AN MP has backed opposition to a proposed waste plant, promising they will 'do everything we can' to stop it.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly has voiced his support for protesters fighting plans for the facility on land off Moor Street in Brierley Hill.

Last month the firm behind the proposal, Clean Power, lodged an application for a permit to operate the plant, saying it would process up to 195,000 tonnes of waste a year to generate electricity. The move marks a come back for the proposal, which was previously withdrawn amid strong local opposition.

Mr Kelly said: "It is disappointing that Clean Power have decided, following the withdrawal of their appeal, to lodge a further application. This is despite my constituents being totally against this development."

Oppose

"Clean Power should understand that myself as the Member of Parliament for Dudley South, the Say No to Waste site (SNOW) action group and my constituents will do everything we can to oppose this development."

Mr Kelly said residents had already been impacted by another waste recycling site based in Moor Street. A pile of rubbish remains at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd, despite company bosses being ordered to clear it up.

Mr Kelly said: "Brierley Hill has suffered enough with the nearby open air waste site without having a further waste site - albeit of a different kind - foisted on them. I would like to request to the land owners find another use for the site, preferably housing."

The Environment Agency is running a public consultation this month following Clean Power's permit application. The firm would still require planning permission from Dudley Council.

Members of SNOW are calling on the

Report by Alex Ross

agency to deliver a summary of the detailed application and to hold a public meeting. Spokesman Tim Lee said: "We are asking the Environment Agency to provide a clear and understandable summary of the application proposals."

He also wants to see all households within 800 metres of the sites notified, as well as schools, clubs and community centres.

Jessica Campbell, spokesman for the Environment Agency, said a summary will be provided.

Clean Power first lodged a planning application for the waste plant with Dudley Council in 2012, but the proposal was thrown out over fears of odour and impact on community. The firm appealed against the decision but weeks before a planning inquiry was to be held, the appeal was withdrawn. In a letter to the planning inspectorate, James Waterhouse, director of Clean Power agents Icen Projects, said the withdrawal was down to minor amendments.

Plant permit bid revived — see page 2

Choir hits right note for mayor



Councillor Alan Finch with some Gentlemen Songsters

THE outgoing Mayor of Dudley's charities are on song for a bumper total thanks to a male voice choir's £3,500 donation.

The Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir handed over a cheque to the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch at a civic reception which marked one of the final official events in his year of office.

The renowned choir raised the money through its sell out concerts.

Councillor Finch said: "I am really grateful to the choir and everyone who has helped raise this enormous total."

The Mayor of Dudley's charities are White House Cancer Support, Dudley, and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, for which he has hosted several events.

Councillor Finch is stepping down from his role as mayor today and there will be a mayor-making ceremony for the next mayor.



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Waste plant permit makes a come back

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a waste plant in Brierley Hill been revived — just days after campaigners fighting against the development claimed a small victory when an appeal was dropped.

Clean Power is applying for an environmental permit to operate the waste recycling facility at the former Brierley Hill Steel Terminal, Moor Street. The application to the

Environment Agency asks for permission to process up to 10 tons of hazardous waste a day at the plant.

Proposals for a waste plant were first unveiled last year but were refused by Dudley Council and Clean Power launched an appeal.

The company then withdrew it to the delight of campaigners opposed to the project, citing the need to make changes to the proposal. But

last the plans have been revived. The Environment Agency said the company would still need a planning application for the plant, but said it was to begin considering the latest plans. It has also launched a consultation with the public, which will end on June 30.

Hundreds of people signed a petition against the original proposal. The campaign was led by the

Brierley Hill SNOW (Say No to Waste) group, which claimed the plant would have an adverse impact on residents.

Spokesman Tim Lee said: "We knew the company still planned to build the plant despite the withdrawal, so there are no surprises there. For us, it's back to business."

"The message is simple — we don't want it here."

Armed robber is jailed for six years

AN armed robber who was part of a gang that battered it way into a couple's country home and stole their car has been jailed for six years.

The Audi belonging to Robert Nguiguti and his wife, a doctor, was taken along with keys to a BMW motorbike, a handbag with £100 and bank cards, a laptop containing private patient files and an iPod.

Levi Wilson, aged 19, of Cross Lane, Dudley, owned one of two imitation guns used to threaten the couple during the break-in near Bridgnorth, Stafford Crown Court heard.

He was found guilty of robbery, burglary and two counts of possessing an offensive weapon following a trial in March.

Wilson was jailed for three years for burglary, four years for robbery — to run concurrently — and two years for the firearms charge, to run consecutively.

Simone O'Neil, 22, of Marshall Road, Portobello, Willenhall, was jailed for 18 months for burglary.

Nicholas Alexander, 26, of Chorley Gardens, Bilston; Donovan Wilson, 18, of Cross Lane, Dudley; and Omari Maitland, 18, of Leslie Road, Wolverhampton, were cleared of the four charges they denied.

Panel seeks volunteers

AN education appeals panel is looking for volunteers to hear cases for school admissions and reviews.

It is run by Dudley Council and decides on admission appeals of pupils from primary and secondary schools and occasionally deal with reviews of governing body decisions to exclude pupils.

Panels are independent and rely on voluntary membership. Meetings are at Saltwells Education Centre in Netherton and at Dudley Council House and training is provided.

Contact Richard Sanders on 01384 815236.

Cut-price football

FOOTBALL fans are being encouraged to swap the sofa for the real thing this season with discounts on five-a-side pitches in the borough. Dudley Leisure Centre have reduced the hire cost for its five-a-side dome from £44 to £35 per hour for the rest of 2014. Call (01384) 812800.

Action-packed trials to recruit soldiers

WEAPONS training, cross-country driving and learning how to live rough — it is definitely not your average desk job.

But it can be part of day-to-day life for a reservist soldier and a fast-track course this summer is hoping to put new recruits from the West Midlands and Staffordshire through their paces and boost ranks.

There are plans to increase the national strength of the Army Reserve, formally the Territorial Army, from 19,000 to 30,000 by 2020, while cutting the regular army by 20,000, and it is hoped 90 recruits will complete this year's annual Midlands Challenge event.

More than 125 people have expressed an interest in the event, which starts in July and allows training to take place over a four-to-six-week period instead of up to one-and-a-half years, mainly over weekends.

Training

The course starts out at Swynerton Training Camp, in Cold Meece, Stone, but participants then move to Grantham and Catterick in North Yorkshire to complete their training.

Lessons in soldiering skills include weapons training, fitness and navigation and the chance to develop team building, decision making and leadership skills, with recruits benefiting from a new set of financial incentives.

Facilities at the training camp in Stone include a 25m firing range for shooting practice and a driver's cross-country training course.

For training purposes, there are six huge £200,000 SVs, a dozen £58,000 Land Rovers and two battlefield ambulances, each worth £85,000 which are specifically designed for driving cross-country.

The 4th Battalion the Mercian Regiment (4 Mercian) is the unit's Army Reserve element and is at Fallings Park, Wolverhampton.

Craftsman Jennie Bird joined 4 Mercian in 2007 after taking a



Jennie Bird — wants to be a tank driver



On target — Lcpl Andy Bolus on the shooting range



Lcpl Rikki Richard behind the wheel of an Army truck



Potential recruits can test their driving skills

motor service and repair course at the City of Wolverhampton College.

The 24-year-old, of Upper Gornal, Dudley, is hoping to get her articulated licence and be able to drive tanks.

"I could never afford to do the driving courses normally. It keeps you fit and you never know what's around the corner," she said.

Lance corporal Steve Smith, of Kidderminster, joined as a reservist soldier in 2010. The 30-year-old

also took the opportunity to go on a six-month tour to the Nad-e Ali district in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, where he helped with patrols, security and liaised with locals. He said: "It was scary but rewarding."

Corporal Sarah Horne, aged 26, of Stapleton, Shrewsbury, said: "It's changed my life for the better."

Other reservist from the Fallings Park section include Lcpl Rikki Richards, from Walsall, and Lcpl Andy Bolus, from Wolverhampton.

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Demand is 'critical' for more burial land

MORE than 1,200 extra burial plots will be created to meet demand at a cemetery, under plans poised to be given the go ahead.

Council bosses predict they will run out of space at Dudley Cemetery by this autumn, prompting them to draw up proposals for land opposite the site in Stourbridge Road.

They say just 140 plots remain and have described the situation as 'critical'.

Expansion would see enough plots created for the next 30 to 40 years and will cost an estimated £150,000. A former football pitch, off Cleve Road, will be used to provide space for 1,000 adult burial plots, accommodating differing widths according to cultural and religious requirements. There will also be 150 cremated remains plots and 140 small plots.

Bosses said the pitch is in a poor condition and they plan to replace it with a new facility at a different location.

The council's head of attractions and amenities, Stuart Connelly, says: "This has been brought forward in response to a proven borough-wide need that is becoming increasingly critical."

MP's fears on passports

AN MP has voiced concerns over delays in passports being issued to his constituents. Dudley North MP Ian Austin says he is receiving complaints from residents about the time taken to get their passports.

He is worried the Passport Office is struggling to cope due to a lack of resources. In questions Home Secretary Theresa May, he has asked what action is being taken.

"People work hard all year to save up for what should be a well-earned break, but for too many local families, getting a passport seems to be turning into a stressful experience," he said.

Speedway stars

A SPEEDWAY legend is hosting a night with Cradley Heathens stars next month. Cradley riders past and present are to be guests at the Billy Hamill evening on July 27. The former Speedway World Champion's event is at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill.

New borough police chief now in charge



Chris Johnson - new chief

A POLICE chief who worked on the introduction of two non-emergency call centres is now head of policing in the Dudley borough.

Chief Superintendent Chris Johnson has taken over from Stuart Johnson, who has moved to a central West Midlands Police role.

The role will encompass all policing in the borough, which covers a population of more than 300,000.

He said: "I am delighted to be stepping into the role of commander for the Dudley borough and am es-

pecially looking forward to getting to know my officers, partner agency staff and most importantly the local community.

"This borough is vibrant and diverse and I am proud to be taking charge of such a professional and dedicated team of officers, staff and other specialist police teams.

"This is one of the safest places to live and work in the UK, and I aim to build on recent successes to further serve our communities and protect them from harm."

As well as a new commander, Dudley Local Policing Unit has two new senior officers joining the command team, Detective Chief Inspector Phil Dolby and Chief Inspector Nick Rowe.

For more information on policing across the Dudley borough, visit Facebook page www.facebook.com/dudleypolice or follow @DudleyPolice on Twitter.

Chief Superintendent Johnson moved from the Force Contact department to his new role earlier

last month. In his previous job he worked on the introduction of the two new non-emergency contact centres launched at the end of last year which including a base in West Bromwich.

All non-emergency calls on the 101 number are now routed to the West Bromwich contact centre and Lloyd House, in Birmingham.

The service launched to ease the pressure on the 999 system and to help tackle non-urgent crimes and anti-social behaviour.

Donated plants are stolen from memorial garden

PARISHIONERS have been left distraught after plants in their church memorial garden, donated by grieving relatives in memory of loved ones, were stolen.

The plants, including three weeping willow saplings donated last month by the outgoing vicar, have been dug up from the garden at St Augustine's Church, Holly Hall, Dudley.

Bid to ease pressure on car parking

EXTRA parking is being introduced in Dudley town centre this week to ease the pressure on spaces during the major revamp of the town's market place.

From Monday nine spaces have been created along Stone Street square following the removal of bollards on the roadside.

Dudley Council bosses said they were creating the free parking in response to feedback from visitors and to help traders while the town's market place is redeveloped as part of a £6.7 million revamp project.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, who is in charge of Dudley Council's scheme, said: "As we continue to make these exciting improvements to the town centre we have listened to suggestions that we find more free on-street parking for our visitors.

"We are delighted to be able to provide these temporary spaces while the market place redevelopment is underway but we are also making provisions for permanent parking in the area too."

Rosemarie Plaister is a member of the clergy, and is one of those who has added to the garden with an Easter Rose donated for her daughter.

She said: "How could people take things like that?"

"They must be low, so desperate for money if they are selling them, or putting them in their own garden.

"We are not putting any more in now and there are holes where the plants were. We don't feel we can put more in if people are going to pinch them.

"It's heartbreaking."

The former vicar at the church, Rev Christine Browne, left in the middle of April for a post in Wales, leaving the church's adjoining vicarage empty.

Before she left, she donated three weeping willows for the garden.

Mrs Plaister believes that, although the vicarage is being checked every day by members of the clergy, the thieves have realised it is empty.

The church is holding a 'retro' sale of antique items on Saturday between 10am and 2pm.

Sellers' tables, for the event inside the church, are available for £10 from Maggie Squires on 01384 829107. Entry costs 50p, and refreshments will be available on the day.

Young dancers cash in on their talent



Front from left, Maisie Pugh, aged six, Keira Haywood, five and Tilliee Warton, eight; centre from left, Sian Dole-

YOUNG dancers were in the spotlight as they took to the stage for a live show - and helped raise hundreds of pounds for charity.

Kennedy's School of Dance has been working hard in rehearsals ready for their big night dancing at The Dormston Mill Theatre, Sedgley.

Around 50 youngsters aged from three upwards performed in a show devised by dance tutor Kennedy Glews.

The 24-year-old from Kingswinford

set up the school, which holds regular sessions at Bramford Primary School, Woodsetton, Dudley, last July.

While half the year is devoted to helping her many students pass their dance exams, the remainder gives them the chance to live the dream of performing on stage.

Around £500 was raised for military charity Help for Heroes and the cancer unit at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Her boyfriend, Trooper Myles

O'Keeffe of the Royal Dragoon Guards, was able to attend the show with comrade Trooper William Hodson.

Another special guest was her uncle Edward Hoxey, aged 65, from Worcester. Early last year he had been diagnosed with lymphoma cancer and had a rare trial treatment given to him at the QE.

He is now in recovery and Kennedy said it was wonderful to have them all at the show.

NEWS in brief

Graham to lop off mop for charity

A MAN is to shave his head in a bid to raise more than £1,000 for charity.

Graham Darby, 76, from Dudley, will be lopping off his hair and beard in aid of Cancer Research on Friday at 8pm at the Meadow Lark pub, Dibdale Road, Dudley. Twelve years ago he did a similar charity stunt after his wife died from bladder cancer and raised £3,400.

There will be a charity raffle and disco hosted by Mitchells & Butler, which is hoped will raise an extra £400.

Behind scenes tour at hospital

A BEHIND the scenes tour will take place at the borough's main hospital on June 17.

Visitors to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital will be able to find out more about the breast care services offered by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Places are limited for the tour, starting at 6pm.

Register interest by calling the event's organiser Helen Board on (01384) 321124 or email her at helen.board@dgh.nhs.uk to book your place.

Rowing event is popular success

HUNDREDS of people turned out for a rowing event at a centre in Dudley.

Dudley Council has teamed up with British Rowing and the borough's Clinical Commissioning Group to run a full programme of free rowing activities at the Water Sports Centre in Netherton.

For more information contact rowing coach Matthew Brighton on 07580 725792.

Force funding garden project

A TREE house and a vegetable plot are going to be provided for Calvary preschool in Kingswinford thanks to a £600 gift from the police.

Sgt Chris Collins applied for the funding which will help the school in Stallings Lane pay for equipment and supplies for a tree house and garden project.

Gourmet chimps

CHIMPS at Dudley Zoo have been tucking into vegetarian pasta bolognese thanks to the culinary skills of trainee keeper, Shaun Crompton. Chimps loved the dish served up in National Vegetarian Week.

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A NEW £12 million contract will reportedly keep Jeremy Clarkson at the BBC until 2018 and make a fortune for the Corporation in overseas sales. You still wonder why Auntie refuses to get rid of him? If Clarkson blacked-up and did an impression of Barack Obama singing The Sun Has Got His Hat On, he'd still be around.

REJOICE, for the rocks beneath England appear to contain billions of barrels of shale oil. So if Scotland votes for independence and takes what remains of its North Sea oil, we've got plenty of our own. Did you ever doubt that God was an Englishman?

WHEN will politicians stop referring to Ukip's success as extraordinary? It was not so much extraordinary as inevitable. Push people too far in the wrong direction and one day they will push you back. A politician who doesn't get that doesn't understand anything about politics, or people.

USEFUL political phrases. In Egypt, the 50 per cent who never turn out to vote are known as the sofa party.

A SPOKESWOMAN explains that the aim of Wolverhampton University in opening an "African hub" on Mauritius (seriously) is "to further develop our course offer and grow student numbers." I wonder what that means in English.

AS new celebrity allegations arise, I am reminded that when I was covering magistrates' courts in the 1970s when some of these offences allegedly happened, the going rate for indecent assault was a £30 fine and a talking-to by the chairman of the bench. Prison was reserved for really serious offences and the courts had a very different idea of what constituted "serious". I once saw a man get three months for poaching rabbits.

HERE we go. I wondered how long it would be before Education Secretary Michael Gove's ban on taking kids on holiday in term time became a human-rights issue. Sure enough a group called Parents Want A Say claims the ban infringes the right to family life in the European Convention on Human Rights. The lawyers who created the Convention must be turning in their graves. Their solemn duty, after the horror of the Second World War, was to ensure the continent was never again taken over by dictators. The right to family life was drafted to prevent husbands, sons and fathers being carted off as slave labourers. It was never designed to give families a fortnight together in Benidorm. Today the Convention has become so devalued that it is brandished by everyone from criminals who thoroughly deserve to be deported to silly pupils who don't want to wear school uniform. Now, we are told, there is a human right to term-time holidays. PlanetSKI, a website devoted to winter sports denounces Michael Gove's ban: "It is stopping families enjoying a ski holiday at times outside official school holidays and this may have a long-term impact on the future number of skiers and snowboarders." Dear God, not a national shortage of skiers and snowboarders. It is beyond parody.

WHEN young men volunteer for war, their families do not always see them as heroes. A court heard how, when Mashudur Choudhury told his wife he wanted to join the civil war in Syria, she texted him: "Go die in battle. Go die. I really mean it, just go." I was reminded of another war and an old soldier I once interviewed. Jim Jones lied about his age to join the army in 1940 when he was just 16. The memory of his mother's reaction stayed with him for the next 70 years. She said: "If he wants to get his bloody head blown off, let him." Jim Jones won the Military Medal in Burma and came home a hero. Mashudur Choudhury is probably going to jail. Fortunes of war.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Mental health centre closure on hold

PROPOSALS to close a day centre supporting people with mental health conditions have been put on hold following protests by campaigners.

Health bosses have revealed a full consultation is now likely to be held over the decision regarding Dove House in the grounds of Dudley's Bushey Fields Hospital.

It is staffed and supported by independent mental health charity

Dudley Mind. The centre provides day activities and serves as a meeting place.

Charity bosses had wanted to shut the service this month and start a new community-led programme called Empowering Recovery in the Community

This would have meant drop-in facilities at other locations such as

community centres and peer support groups as an alternative to the staffed Dove House.

The centre was due to be transformed into extra space for inpatients at Bushey Fields to prepare them for life after hospital care. However, regular users staged a protest outside the centre and also organised a petition calling for it to be kept as it is.

Campaigners said they enjoyed using Dove House and it played an important social role and gave them somewhere to access advice and support.

Dudley Mind chief executive Martin Mueller said: "We have met with service users and we are looking at how we take things forwards and we will be writing to them in the next couple of weeks."

Waste firm to appeal after losing permit

A WASTE company which was hit by two severe fires has been ordered to stop operating and clear its site in Kingswinford after losing an appeal against a ruling.

Oakham Environmental Waste and Recycling Centre will have to remove waste within six weeks after its environmental permit was revoked. Bosses claimed two arson attacks had hampered operations and vowed to fight on.

The Environment Agency took action after claiming there was a number of breaches including having too much waste on site, no technically competent manager and significant amounts of waste tipped outside the permit area.

Officials said waste had also been tipped and stored outside the appropriate bunkers at the Oak Farm site.

It said the firm also failed to comply with a series of enforcement notices with the lack of action resulting in a number of waste fires.

The Planning Inspectorate has now thrown out the firm's appeal against the revocation of its licence.

But the company said last week it was appealing against the decision.

It claims to be punished by the agency after two arson attacks.

There is still burnt-out waste - but the firm aims to get it all removed in three months following an investment in new machinery.

Manager Randle Hawkins said: "We are launching an

By Lee Watton

appeal - we feel we have been unfairly treated by the Environment Agency.

"We suffered two big arson attacks, we lost a lot of machinery and had a lot of burnt rubbish left in the yard. It is slowly being cleared, but not at the rate the agency want us to do it."

The company has operated a skip and waste transfer business at the site for 27 years. It employs 14 people. Mr Hawkins said yard staff were qualified and competent to manage the yard.

The environmental permit was transferred to the firm in January 2011, but since then it significantly breached certain permit conditions.

The Environment Agency said revoking the permit takes away the operator's permission to operate.

Spokesman Jonathan Hall said: "We will not tolerate operators who continually breach the conditions of their permits, or pose unacceptable risks to the environment."

Jobs go as firm shuts

A FAMILY-RUN building contractor and joinery manufacturer has closed with the loss of 50 jobs. Administrators have been unable to find a buyer for R Bennett and Co, in Constitution Hill, Dudley. The company, which started in 1945 and has been in the same family for four generations, provided a full service to the brewing industry.

It reported an annual turnover of £7m in 2013. Administrator Tony Murphy, of Harrison's Business Recovery and Insolvency, said: "We have tried every available option to sell this quality long-established business, however this has not been possible."

Rebecca ready to take a fall



Clerical officer Rebecca Firm, from Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, who is to do a skydive for charity, is encouraged to jump by nurse specialists Andrew Marime and Lisa Kendrick

WHEN hospital administrator Rebecca Firm went to visit a palm reader, she was told she would soon be jumping out of a plane.

And the prediction has come true after she was offered the chance by Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, where she is a clerical assistant in the eye clinic.

The 23-year old from Kingswinford said: "I went to see a palm reader and she said I would be free falling for charity."

"The next day I went into to work and logged on to our internal system and saw a message asking people to skydive for charity."

"It's something I have always wanted to do and it seemed like fate."

On August 2 she will travel to Nottinghamshire and climb into an plane for the first time ever - only to leap out at 10,000ft to raise money for the lung function unit at the hospital.

She said: "My brother had a tumour in his lung when he was young and my dad has chronic restrictive pulmonary disease and constantly requires oxygen to help him breathe."

"This is my first time flying so it's a little bit scary to think that my first time in a plane I will be jumping out of it."

She added her father Barrie, 70, laughed when she told him but has been very supportive. She has already received sponsorship from colleagues and plans to hold a cake sale and raffle at the hospital on June 12 to help reach her total of £395.

Anyone who wants to donate can visit www.doit-forcharity/rfirm or email becky_firm@hotmail.co.uk

Event to celebrate the armed forces

ARMED Forces Day 2014 in association with Forces Recruitment Services (FRS) will be held at Himley Hall and Park on June 29 to celebrate the work of servicemen and women.

Stall holders are needed to apply early if they would like a stand at the show as craft, food and army surplus stalls as the stands are always a prominent and popular feature of the event.

The event will run from 11am to 5pm and will include lots of fun and entertainment to keep all the family entertained including go karts, a zip line, trampolines, fairground rides.

There will also be a display of historic vehicles for people get up close to and explore. The popular youth marching band will return at 11.30am in the event's main arena in front of the hall.

John Polychronakis, chief executive at Dudley Council, said: "Armed Forces Day is always a popular event which attracts thousands of people including current and ex-service men and women. It's a great day out for all the family."

To apply for a stall, people should email cecex@dudley.gov.uk or call on 01384 818186.

Fitness class in the park

NEW fitness classes are being held at a park in Coseley over the summer.

Activities will be at Silver Jubilee Park where fitness staff will be leading two classes on Tuesdays, yoga for beginners and circuits.

The 45-minute sessions start at 6pm. They will run until September and are suitable for all abilities.

John Millar, director of urban environment on Dudley Council, said: "I would encourage everybody to find out what is going on at their local park." For full listings go to www.lets-get.com or call 01384 813747.

Play at library

COSELEY Library is hosting a Bookstart Rattle and Rhyme sessions every Monday and Friday from 10am to 10.30am.

Sessions are aimed at three month to four-year-olds at the library, in Castle Street. Call 01384 812775 for details.

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Hospitals see fall in attacks on staff

ALMOST 500 assaults on NHS staff were reported at health trusts in the West Midlands and Staffordshire in a year.

The figures come from NHS Protect, which works to safeguard NHS staff and resources from crime.

Figures for the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust revealed there were 74 assaults in 2012 to 2013, of which 24 were down to medical factors.

This was down from 87 the year before. But just one resulted in criminal action, figures provided by the trust to NHS Protect reveal.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "We appreciate that violence and aggression is sometimes driven by fear or confusion, or the patient's medical condition and, as a result, our staff are very often reluctant to report incidents or take further action."

She added CCTV was in place 24 hours a day at its three hospitals, while a hospital watch scheme had been running for four years.

At Sandwell and West Birmingham Trust, which runs Sandwell General Hospital, City Hospital in Birmingham and care hubs in Rowley Regis and Leasowes, there were 198 assaults on staff – up from 180.

Heating firm shuts factory

A HEATING and ventilation factory run by a Brierley Hill firm is to close with the loss of up to 42 jobs.

Bosses Ambrad has decided to axe its plant in Knighton, Mid Wales, following a review. The factory was owned by warm air heating specialists Benson Heating Ltd for more than 50 years until it was bought by Ambrad, a subsidiary of the US giant Nordyne, in July 2009.

An Ambrad spokesman said the decision followed 'a review of European manufacturing that will see sites reduced from four to three.'

A sale at church

A 'RETRO' sale of antiques and other goods is being held at St Augustine's Church, Hall Church Road, Holly Hall, Dudley, on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Book sellers' tables for £10 from Maggie Squires on 01384 829107. Entry is 50p. Refreshments are available.

Warning after dog suffers two adder bites



Nushka – twice bitten by an adder

A DOG owner is warning visitors to Kinver Edge to be vigilant after his pet was bitten by an adder twice in 10 days.

Nushka, a two-year-old husky, collapsed had to be treated with emergency anti-venom. Following the near-fatal attacks, owner Chris Poole is warning other dog owners and parents to be alert when visiting the National Trust site.

Mr Poole, 38, from White Hill, Kinver, said his dog was lucky to be alive after she was bitten once on her paw on May 4 and again on her nose on May 15.

He said: "The first time it happened she collapsed 10 minutes after she was bitten

and if I hadn't have got her to the vets in time she would have died. The emergency vet put her on a drip for 24 hours and it took her more than a week to recover."

Once the family pet was well enough, Mr Poole continued to walk her in the area, believing the bite to be a 'freak incident' having walked there every day for two years, but on May 15, Nushka, was bitten again.

Mr Poole said: "It happened very quickly but I saw her jump in the air before passing out. Because of the swelling on her face the vet had to insert a pipe down her throat to help her breathe."

He had to dash to Coventry to get the an-

ti-venom because adder bites are so rare the vets did not stock it. He said: "I don't want to scare people or put them off going but I think they should be aware."

Simon Barker, from the National Trust, said: "We are concerned to hear about the recent incident, but would like to reassure people that bites by adders are extremely rare. There is a small, naturally occurring population of adders at Kinver Edge."

Vet Helen Priest, of Severn Edge Vets, Stourbridge, treated Nushka and said it is the first bite she has seen in 25 years.

"Adder bites are extremely rare but can be fatal," she said.

Anthem with passion and pride of the Black Country

by Becky Woods

THE lyrics speak with a patriotic passion to herald all that is bostin' about the Black Country.

And now people can purchase the anthem which has been adopted to help celebrate a landmark occasion.

Black Country folk band The Empty Can have today released their ode I Vow to Thee, Black Country as a charity single.

It has been named the official song for Black Country Day on July 14 and band-mates and supporters now hope the song will soar up the charts.

The song, a Black Country version of the patriotic classic, I Vow to Thee My Country, is available to buy, priced at 99p.

The band gathered at the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Zoo to help launch the single last week.

Lead singer James Stevens, aged 37, thanked everyone who had made their dream of releasing the track possible.

Backing And he urged everyone keen to celebrate life in the Black Country to come out and get behind the single.

"If people in the area get behind it we genuinely believe we could get the Black Country in the charts," James, from Gornal, said. "It's been a brilliant experience, we've had a fantastic Black Country backing and we just wanted to do something to feel proud about where we come from."

It has been an experience that we are very proud of going through and we have had a lot of fun and met some great people along the way.

"We know that we are going to raise some money for charity and we couldn't be more pleased now to see how it will play out."

Professional musician and youth worker James is joined in The Empty Can by Rachel Slater, 36, who is a nurse from Gornal, and 40-year-old guitarist and producer Steven Henley, from Kingswinford, who works for a local family business.

James says the Black Country Festival, an arts and music celebration to mark the day itself, has boosted awareness and support for the day.

A host of events are being organised through July, with the support of the four Black Country councils, to celebrate Black



Band members James Stevens, left, and Rachel Slater with museum guide Lindsey Cooper and Steve Edwards



Country Day. All money raised through sales of the single will go to Compton Hospice.

The charity has been chosen in dedication to Steve Evans, a former Wolverhampton City Council worker, magician, comedian and keen fisherman, who died in January, aged just 52, following a two-year

Brierley Hill, has created a video of iconic old images of the region for the single.

He said: "People want an anthem to go with the flag and the national day that we now have on July 14 and this song is perfect."

"I would urge people to support the song and the Black Country by buying the single and helping to put us on the map."

Councillor Pete Lowe, deputy leader of Dudley Council, said: "The community response to the Black Country Day activities has been huge and the idea of a Black Country anthem is something we fully support."

"We will certainly be supporting I Vow to Thee Black Country to help it hit the charts and help put the whole region on the map."

The track can be downloaded from Amazon with details and a link through www.blackcountryfestival.weebly.com

Trio art put on show at cone

A NEW exhibition by three West Midlands artists has opened in Stourbridge.

Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone is hosting the exhibition called Trio through until August 3.

It features work by former Birmingham University tutor Anne Hackett, Wolverhampton University graduate Clare Sherwen and Oldbury artist Chris Taplee.

Admission is free. The Red House Glass Cone is open from 10am to 4pm.

Round of events to mark war 100th

A COMMUNITY will be marking 100 years since the beginning of the First World War with a commemorative event.

People in Pedmore will have a day of events to mark the war's centenary at Pedmore Cricket Club, St Peter's Church and the St Peter's Centre on Sunday, July 13, between 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

There will be memorabilia, weapons and medals from the war on show, as well as historical information. Entry is free.

Music recital takes place at church

A CHURCH in a village near Stourbridge is staging an evening of live music featuring a piano recital.

Holy Trinity Church, Bradford Lane, Belbroughton, will host the show on July 19 at 7pm. Performances on the evening including an appearance by pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi.

Tickets are £35 which includes supper. Call 01562 730539.

Special brew goes back to Twenties

A SEDGLEY brewery is recreating a 1920s beer for a summer beer festival.

Russell XXX is being brewed to a 1929 recipe by the Sarah Hughes Brewery at the Beacon Hotel, Bilston Street.

It will be featured at the Birmingham Beer Bash at The Bond Company, Digbeth, July 24 to 26 and will be on sale at The Beacon.

Choir earns a tenor

A CHOIR will be joined by top tenor Jonathan Veira for a concert in Dudley.

The Marston Singers will be performing with Veira at Dudley Town Hall on June 21. The show starts at 7pm call 01902 787963.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS



AFTER years of being told that online banking is the way to go, it now seems that there might be one significant drawback.

The computers of more than 15,000 people in the UK are already infected with a virus that could see millions of bank accounts cleared out, the National Crime Agency has warned. That's what happens when you entrust your finances to a system which is entirely revolves around the interests of the bankers.

Aside from the obvious drawback that I don't have a computer, I've never really trusted internet banking.

Why did anybody think that passing all your banking details through an international network of public computer systems, protected only by a password which is probably your dog's name, was going to be a secure way to conduct your finances?

Of course, the banks love internet accounts. It means they can sack all the staff in the branches, and provide a rudimentary customer service line from a call centre in Bombay. But what is in it for the customers?

Surely an extra £20 a year in interest is not worth exposing yourselves to the hackers.

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MAKING another comeback worthy of Sinatra, silver-haired charmer Tony Blair has stepped into the old immigration chestnut.

Actually, after spending a bit too long sunning himself in the Middle East, the former prime minister is beginning to look something like an old chestnut these days, but that is another story.

Anyway, he has accused people opposed to large-scale European immigration of pandering to unpleasant prejudice. And that the influx of workers from Eastern Europe had nothing to do with unemployment in the tougher parts of Britain.

He might have added that there were many exciting employment opportunities for out-of-work British people who were willing to travel abroad. You know, in American banking corporations, peace envoy in the Middle East, president of the European Commission, that kind of thing.

What he did say, though, was that the 'white, working-class, unemployed youth in alienated communities in Britain' were held back by their own lack of education and skills'.

And there is doubtless some truth in what he says. But just one question. Who, was responsible for the education of these alienated youths for most of the last 20 years?

A fellow whose slogan was education, education, education, if my memory serves me right.



Jim Aston, from Lower Gornal



Jim and his wife Lilian visiting Monte Cassino in 2004



Jim Aston, second from right, on the front row

Jim journeys to remember battle

Veteran Jim Aston speaks to Mark Andrews about his return to Italy to remember his fallen comrades

"I was in a hotel just outside Cassino, (Italy) and I had just got off to sleep when I was woken by what appeared to be gunfire," says Jim Aston.

"I sat upright in my bed and wondered what to do next. It turned out to be a fireworks display, but I thought I was back in the war."

The flashback happened last week, during an emotional return to the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the Second World War.

Mr Aston, from Dudley, was one 14 veterans who were taken on a return visit to the battlefields of Monte Cassino, where around 14,000 Allied troops were killed during some of the fiercest fighting of the conflict.

It was a bittersweet return for the 89-year-old, who lives in Coleridge Rise, Lower Gornal with his wife Lilian and son Paul.

During the trip, he attended a service to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of the battle, and he also shared a joke with Prince Harry during a reception at the British Embassy in Rome.

But he said there were also moments of sadness, as he remembered his fallen comrades, and in particular a close friend who was killed as his convoy made its way to Monte Cassino.

"When we went around the cemeteries, somebody asked me if I knew any of the people named on the grave," he says.

"I said I didn't know them personally, but I had probably seen some of their bodies."

Driver Aston, who served with the Royal Corps of Signals from 1943 to 1947, was attached to the 2nd Battalion



Jim Aston, from Lower Gornal, who has just returned from Monte Cassino

of Carpathian Rifles – a Polish unit – during the assault on the Italian town of Cassino which ended in May 1944.

The week-long trip had been organised by the Monte Cassino Society, and paid for by the Big Lottery Fund. A total of 101 went, including family members.

Mr Aston told the prince he had to travel alone because his wife had been ill and had to pull out of the trip.

"He told me not to worry, there were lots of other women around," he said.

He met the prince during a reception

at the British embassy in Rome. Earlier in the day, they had attended a service at the Cassino War Cemetery.

His role in the battle – which is often described as the forgotten campaign because it was overshadowed by the D-Day landings – was to lay the telephone wires that connected the observation post to the artillery, supplying them with details about the range for the artillery.

Many times, however, they ended up delivering the information in person.

"The wires often got blown apart and

it was easier to relay than repair," he said.

He said the noise from the shelling was phenomenal.

"It was deafening," he says. "We were in front of the artillery, and they were firing the shells over our heads, and the Germans were also firing them back at them. We were there, caught in the middle of all this. We weren't in any danger because the Germans were going for the positions behind us, but it was very frightening."

Sadly, one man who did not make it to the battle was his close friend Douglas Earl, a corporal who was killed at the age of 26 in a motorcycle crash.

"We were travelling in convoy, we had passed through a town called Poggia, when shortly afterwards we came to a railway level crossing," he says.

"This crossing was not manned, and did not have a barrier, also it was on a double bend in the road.

"I was driving the last truck to go over the crossing, and shortly after the sergeant rode past shouting 'Stop!'."

"We all stopped, and we were told Douglas had been killed by a train on the crossing, it was an American freight train."

"It hit me very hard at the time, we were good friends. He was a quiet man, not the regimental type of corporal, we were on first name terms."

"I later discovered his wife was expecting a baby."

During the trip he visited the Abbey at Monte Cassino, which was rebuilt after the war, and the ruined village of San Pietro Infine which was left in its bomb-ravaged state as a memorial. The servicemen were also taken to Cemetery Sangro River.

The conditions of the series of four attacks were infamously tough, with soldiers having to climb steep terrain, brave terrible weather and withstand relentless Nazi bombardments. The four-month battle was viewed by Winston Churchill as crucial in securing Italy.

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT



THE task of trying to hold on to Cannock Chase next year just became a little more difficult for the Conservatives. Paul Snape, leader of the council's Tory group, claimed MP Aidan Burley had not spoken to him since February 3.

This was two days before he announced he would not be contesting the seat again in 2015, following a series of highly-critical national newspaper stories about his involvement in a stag party where he got the groom to wear a Nazi uniform.

Mr Burley denies this and says they spoke in March, although Councillor Snape says it was just an exchange of pleasantries and did not really count.

Things got very awkward for the Tories after the elections. It started with Mr Burley and his fiancée, Rawnlesley councillor Jodie Jones, being noticeably absent from the election count.

Then, as UKIP made enough gains to get level pegging with the Tories, Councillor Snape began to contemplate horse trading over who should be the official opposition.

Miss Jones made the decision for him, revealing she had resigned from the group to serve as an independent and plunging the Tories into third place.

Councillor Snape, meanwhile, is now preparing his group to choose a new Parliamentary candidate to replace Mr Burley. With all not well between all the Tories, the candidate who wins that selection will have one of the least enviable tasks in politics.

Firstly, they have to try to hold on to the seat that produced the biggest swing to the Tories in 2010. That will be no easy job given how Labour have not only made gains on the council but also made a huge deal of the whole unfortunate Nazi business.

Secondly, he or she will have to be able to liaise with Aidan Burley.

If he's not talking to party's local leader, that opens up the potential for a lot of mixed messages to the electorate. Thirdly, he or she will have to be nice about Aidan Burley in the face of criticism and ridicule about said stag do.

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Bill Etheridge has had a good week. Having spent years trying to get elected, including a fourth place position in the Police and Crime Commissioner vote, he's now not only a UKIP councillor in Dudley but one of three of its West Midlands MEPs.

He's adamant he'll do both jobs. But Labour councillor Pete Lowe thinks it isn't possible. He asks: "How can he do potholes from Strassbourg?" Maybe he'll have time to do council business while on the monthly trip all MEPs have to make between Brussels and Strassbourg.

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How can you take UKIP seriously?

WHAT do we know of UKIP policies, apart from their simplistic, xenophobic notion that British economic woes can be blamed on foreigners?

The situation, its causes and possible remedies are far more complex. But too many people fell for the spiel of a privately educated, former city commodities trader, who in fact prefers wine to beer, and whose wife is German.

That's fine by me - except his background and lifestyle don't match up particularly well with the image he projects, or sound-bite policies fed to the public.

After the last elections, both West Midlands UKIP MEPs fell out with the party and operated independently. Nigel Farage allied UKIP members in the European parliament with a group that included extreme far right factions. We'll have to see what Mr Farage does this time. Did voters know what they were opting for, then and now?

Locally, how does Bill Etheridge propose to represent Sedgley on Dudley Council at the same time as properly fulfilling his duties as an MEP for the West Midlands?

Yes, there are individuals who con-

tinue to hold two elected offices, but check on the statistics for their performances (attendance, voting, speeches, etc.), and it's clear both areas of responsibility are very likely to suffer. He will be handsomely paid to represent us in Europe.

In 2011, Bill Etheridge and his wife Star apparently posed for photographs holding golliwogs, as a protest against political correctness. Perhaps they should have dressed up as clowns, while they were at it? Or as children?

C A BUCKLEY
Sedgley

I want my town back not mourn

SO J Bennett suggests we shut down Dudley town centre? That's exactly what Dudley Council wants - or it certainly looks that way.

Over 25 years of under-investment and incentives for business to relocate to Merry Hill, along with a policy of discouraging any major businesses, no wonder our town is dying.

Did you know the council had made the decision to move its strategic centre to Brierley Hill, making it the principal town of the borough, and pledging billions to join it up with Merry Hill and the Waterfront? Dudley has been relegated to serving a secondary role. Pound shops, payday loan brokers and betting shops are probably the best it can get.

Don't be fooled into thinking the council is "fighting a losing battle" to save our town centre, the truth is it's been deliberately running it down. I don't want to mourn, I just want my town back.

R W CROMPTON
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Think twice before making your vote

NIGEL Farage did well in both the local and European elections, but I would not cast my vote for them as UKIP are just another right wing "Tory Party".

People voted for UKIP because of their insistence of taking us out of Europe, but I wonder if the people who voted for UKIP would have done so if they realised that one of their policies was to privatise the NHS.

I just think about the private health service in America where one man had to sell his house because of ill health and when his money ran out was cast onto the streets to fend for himself. This alone would prevent me from ever voting for a party with such a policy.

So UKIP voters just think when you cast your vote for the party next time what policies you are voting for.

B WHITEHOUSE, Kingswinford

Lots of leaders leads to loss

HOW typical that the rank and file of the Liberal Democrats, having had a bad result, they now want a new leader - again. This party have had many more leaders than any other party have had in my lifetime. No wonder people don't take them seriously.

C HOWELLS, Wordsley

Check when your solicitor closes down

HAS your solicitor retired or office closed?

Then it may pay you to check details of any wills made.

My mom died recently; her solicitor retired and the office closed down.

Mom received a letter from another firm informing they had all paperwork, (her will) was now with them. All that letter needed was a line saying you may need to seek legal advice on your paperwork/will.

Luckily for us she kept the letter.

The firm which now has the paperwork/will will not release it until we found details of the executor.

Now, finally I can start proceedings to 1) get will released, 2) when I have will I can start probate and get deeds to her house, and 3) mourn the loss of my mom.

No one should have this worrying problem to deal with on top of a loved one's death.

B SIMMONDS
Pensnett

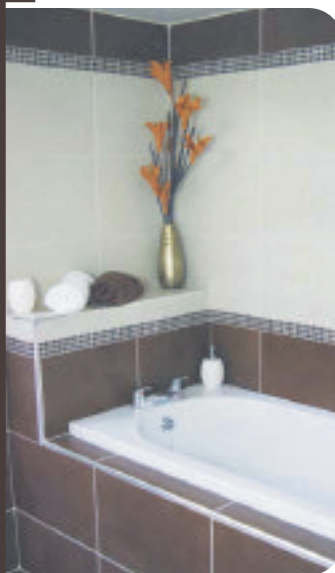
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Members given insight into Skokholm Island renovation

THE meeting was opened with the singing of Jerusalem, followed by the welcome and notices. Further information was announced regarding the July outing to the Staffordshire Lavender Fields, for a tour, demonstration and afternoon tea.

There being no further business, president Julie introduced the speaker for the afternoon Mr Keith Rowley who gave a talk with slides on the "Renovation of Skokholm Island".

Skokholm Island is a nature reserve owned by the Wildlife Trust and is situated off the south west coast of

BILBROOK WI

Wales, it is known to go back to the time of the Vikings and became a rabbit farm in the middle ages.

In 1760 a cottage was built and lived in by Ronald Lockley, who was also responsible for the very first bird observatory in the UK.

The island had been a rabbit farm since Norman times and included breeds such as the long haired and black rabbit. The cottage fell into disrepair and was renovated in the 1920s.

It has now been brought right up to date with the installation of electricity and all mod cons and last year the bird observatory was reinstated.

Keith, one of the volunteers on Skokholm, then opened the floor to questions. Treasurer Ann gave a vote of thanks for an interesting presentation.

Future speakers will be: June 16, Bert Flintcroft on "Catching Happiness" - A Poets View and on July 21 Steve Casey on John Lewis Partnership History. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in Holy Cross Church Hall, Bilbrook Road.

Quiz night to come

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION

ON March 27, the South Staffs Committee organised its annual dinner. Following a late change in venue - the Compass Suites in Aldridge coming to the rescue - some 130 members enjoyed the evening and were entertained by Doug Parker.

The 85th anniversary of Townswomen's Guilds was celebrated with a Thanksgiving Service on April 7 at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and on April 23 at Manchester Cathedral.

South Staffs stage a quiz on the June 9 at St Martin's Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Mandates discussed

HAWNE TWG

THE May meeting began with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes. Dates of various outings were announced.

A memorial to the late Margaret Thomas was agreed.

Hawne Guild won the interguild quiz, but the club does need new members.

There was no speaker, as members discussed the two

mandates for the AGM to be held in Cardiff.

These subjects were votes for 16 and 17 year olds, and eradicating female circumcision.

After tea and biscuits the meeting finished with the singing of First World War songs.

Noddy's demo of working dog

WARLEY BRANDHALL TG

WARLEY Brandhall TG celebrated its 47th year in April with a party and birthday cake, arranged by Grace Kendrick and Valerie Davies.

Chairman Frances Peakman read out the jobs for the committee and said that although the membership numbers had decreased, the club was still hoping to carry on as long as possible.

Over the years, the members have raised more than £35,000 for different charities, but are now finding it difficult to raise the money, with so few members.

Dropped

In May the speaker was Yvonne with her working dog Noddy. Yvonne is helped by Noddy to take out the washing from the machine and pick up things that are dropped on the floor. Yvonne is in a wheelchair, so Noddy even takes her coat off, as He loved the fuss from the members.

Members visited the Tally Ho! Conference Centre for the Federation's Annual Lunch and was entertained by Jenny Starr with hilarious stories.

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Trooper Kirk wins his Battle of the Bulge

THE chances of Kirk Austin realising his dream of joining the Army Reserve appeared slim when he was a 19 stone lorry driver.

But three years later things looked a lot better after he had shed more than 6st in his own Battle of the Bulge.

Now the father of two from Quarry Bank is fighting fit and serving as a trooper specialising in reconnaissance with Dudley-based B Squadron of the Royal Yeomanry – previously A Squadron of the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry.

And he has not just changed his life style, he has also altered his job and is now driving buses between Birmingham, Dudley and Merry Hill for National Express.

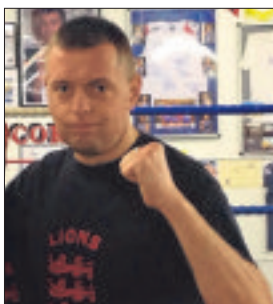
Trooper Austin said: "It was always a bit of a dream to be in the services as my dad was in the Army. That ambition drove me on and made me focus on losing the weight.

Piled

"I changed my diet, joined a gym and started running. It took a lot of will power but having that goal really helped me to stick with it.

"The weight just piled on while I was a lorry driver because I was sitting in my cab all day and living on a greasy spoon diet. Now I am really feeling the benefit and able to do the things like doing physical activities with the kids that I always wanted to but was hampered by my size."

It was a big weight off the mind of the 6ft 1in tall former Heathfields High School pupil when he joined the Reserve—formerly the Territorial Army—last year and recently showed how life had changed for him by climbing Ben Nevis in atrocious weather condition wearing 25kg of Army kit.



Fighting fit – Trooper Kirk Austin



Kirk before the battle begin



Trooper Austin in uniform with one of the buses he drives in civvy street

The challenge raised money for the Love 2 Live charity that will be used to refurbish the garden for disabled residents at Acorn Lodge, Oldbury.

Trooper hopes to put his training into practice on operations with the Army Reserve and is looking forward to trying his hand at parachuting on an adventure training course.

He said: "I have gained a lot by join-

ing the Reserve and my new found fitness is the thing I value most.

"I would like to become a physical training instructor because it has made such a huge difference to my life."

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We would like to invite you to attend the first Annual General Meeting of Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group

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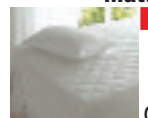
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Market relaunch is given approval

THE relaunch of a twice-monthly food and craft market in Stourbridge town centre has been approved by Dudley Council. Plans to set up an outdoor market were granted by the licensing committee.

The market is set to take place on the first and third Saturday of every month from 9am to 4pm and stalls will be situated near the High Street entrance of the Ryemarket shopping centre.

Details on the types and number of stalls are yet to be finalised, but the first farmers market is expected by July.

The proposals, submitted in March by LSD promotions, received no objections and the licensing sub committee granted a 12-month licence so the firm can replace the market held near the clock in the town centre, which finished in March after a decline in numbers.

LSD Promotions has its head office in Stourbridge.

Solicitor celebrates 50 years of work



Harry Hodgkinson with his Supreme Court certificate

ONE of the Black Country's longest serving solicitors is celebrating more than half a century in the legal profession. Harry Hodgkinson, a consultant at Gill and Bassi solicitors, Great Bridge, has reflected on his five decades of representing defendants in courts around the Midlands.

The 75-year-old, from Droitwich, has represented several generations of families and now provides help to solicitors and clients. He began his career in law in 1959 as an articulated clerk working on cases in the Kidderminster area.

In 1964, he received his certificate from the Supreme Court to practise on his own and began handling cases at courts including West Bromwich and Dudley Magistrates.

"The first time I entered the court on my own was in Smethwick and I won the case. I don't think the prosecutor could believe it and I don't know if I did either, but it was a good start to what has been a long and happy career."

Mr Hodgkinson added: "I have loved my time working in and around Tipton and Great Bridge. I have always found people to be friendly, even when I've met them in the most extreme circumstances."

Redundancies at children's centres

REDUNDANCIES have been made at children's centres in Dudley as part of plans to slash £2.3million from the council budget. Just five out of 14 centre manager posts remain.

It comes after Dudley Council made a u-turn on plans to close seven of the borough's 20 centres. The proposals were shelved after thousands of people protested following the announcement.

At the time, the council said all centres would remain open for the foreseeable future but it would need to look at other ways to make savings. Five main centres have retained services while others have had their hours slashed and number of services cut as a result.

The council said five managers have been successfully appointed to the cluster centres. Four had volunteered for redundancy and one has already been redeployed into another council job. Another is in a trial redeployment role while the remaining three are seeking new positions.

Jealous lover jailed for attack on suspected 'love rival'

A jealous lover who attacked a man he believed was having a relationship with his girlfriend - before warning him he would 'shoot him if he told police' - has been jailed.

Richard Aston turned up at the home of the victim with an unknown man at Ashenhurst Walk in Dudley.

He attacked the victim at his home, punching him and kicking him in the head. Miss Alka Brigue, told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "The injured party had been watching television

in bed at around 11pm. He heard a knock on the door and thought it was a neighbour. He opened the door and recognised the defendant and was pushed into the flat. He was punched in the face by the defendant and kicked in the head by both men.

"Mr Aston was told to leave the victim by the other man when it was seen he had had enough. Before he left the defendant told the complainant he would shoot him if he told the police."

The victim suffered cuts to his head and a fractured cheek bone in the attack, in November last year. Aston was arrested at his home. He told police he had been at a pub and got home

at 11pm and watched television.

A victim impact statement was read out in court where the complainant said he was scared of bumping into Aston again. The court also heard that 57-year-old Aston had had 18 previous convictions for 24 offences.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending Aston, said: "Mr Aston tells me that the injured party may have been having a relationship with his partner." Aston, of Clent Court, Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, pleaded guilty to grievous bodily harm with intent. He was jailed for four years and nine months and banned from contacting the victim directly or indirectly.



Richard Aston

Boot camp on way to centre

PEOPLE looking to take their exercise regime to the extreme are invited to take part in a new boot camp-style fitness session at Dudley Leisure Centre.

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Hard-working Hannah has reached 100 year milestone

HARD work doesn't do any harm – just ask Hannah Westwood, who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

After her first job at a local penny bazaar, Hannah began working in a Birmingham factory as a welder before helping to build munitions in war time.

At her 100th birthday party at a care home in Woodsetton, her family said they believed it was this hard work that led to her long life.

Her daughter Carol Cox, aged 72 from Foxyards in Tipton, said: "She really worked hard all her life and in manually hard jobs. When she was working in Birmingham she got the trams and buses, going out and coming back at ungodly hours in the morning and night. She stopped when she had me and my sister Pat but then went back to work in factories in Sedgley and Gornal."

Born in Ruiton on May 28 1914, Hannah, who is now a grandmother of five and great-grandmother to nine, went to Upper Gornal Boarding School before leaving to go into work.

She has always lived in the Sedgley and Upper Gornal areas, where she met her husband Ben.

The couple tied the knot on October 9, 1937, at a ceremony at St Andrew's Church in Bilston Street.

Ben was the local window cleaner for more than 35 years.

They were married for 52 years before he passed away in 1989, aged 79.

Hannah celebrated her birthday at the care home, Park Lane House in Tipton Road, with family, friends and staff.



Hannah Westwood celebrates her 100th birthday in Woodsetton with family and friends

Legal team takes on wall walk for charity

A CORPORATE lawyer organised a team to walk the length of Hadrian's Wall to raise funds for charity.

However, Jamie Partington, of Higgs & Sons, Brierley Hill, who was the 2013 Birmingham Young Legal Professional of the Year, was not among the nine because of an injury. The team tackled the 84-mile route to raise money for the Willow Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support. The group has already raised nearly £7,000 and hopes to raise more in the coming weeks.

He said: "Each member of the Hadrian's 48 team pushed themselves to the very limit during this epic task and, through the innumerable blisters, have come out on the other side with a fantastic life-lasting achievement to their name. The total time taken from start line to finish line was 40 hours and, with minor detours and zig-zagging the total mileage was clocked at 88 miles.

"All this effort was in the name of two causes very close to the group's hearts, and our sponsorship total already nears the £7,000 mark."

He is now concentrating on getting fit, so that he can complete the walk to raise even more funds.

Trader is guilty of making fake DVDs

A TRADER has been found guilty of helping to run a counterfeit DVD business in Brierley Hill that made hundreds of thousands of pounds from unsuspecting customers.

Thomas Fellows was company secretary at Sinew Enterprises Ltd, which his older stepbrother Simon Newby ran as a director. The company operated a 'counterfeiting factory' in Dudley Road.

It used various websites to sell pirated films and television series around the world, raking in thousands of pounds every week.

Between October 2008 and April 2010, one website received £242,055, all of which went straight into Newby's account.

Fellows, aged 28, of Clarence Street, Bilston, told a previous hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court that his involvement with the business was limited to processing orders and sending out invoices.

But a jury last week found him guilty of all 10 charges he faced – five of making counterfeit DVDs and another five of selling them.

Newby, who was said to have been the 'brains' of the outfit, had previously pleaded guilty to numerous charges relating to making and selling fake DVDs.

Both are due to be sentenced on June 23.

The pair were arrested following raids by Dudley Council trading standards officers at the business address and Newby's home, in Bicton Drive, Brierley Hill.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting, said Newby was the 'brains' of the outfit, while

Parents bid farewell to centre manager

PARENTS and toddlers at Queen Victoria Children's Centre, Sedgley, have said farewell to the manager of six years. Gill Leach was presented with flowers from parents who described her as an 'inspiration' at the garden party.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin was invited held at the centre and said: "Gill has made a huge contribution to the centre's work she has done fantastic work to provide the level of quality childcare the Queen Victoria Children's Centre offers to local residents."

After the party Mrs Leach said: "It has always been a team effort here and today is a celebration of everything the staff and parents have achieved."

Chair of advice committee Jacqui Simmonds, 51, from Beacon Hill said: "I am gutted Gill is leaving, if it wasn't for this centre I couldn't have done the training I have. Gill is an inspiration, and I am very sad the community is losing such a valuable link."



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Anger as McDonald's is granted 24-hour opening

Flats scheme submitted for old post office

Oleg and Boris are little stars, Simples!



The young meerkat pups are entertaining the visitors to Dudley Zoo and getting bolder with each day

AHHHH... it's a simple life for the latest baby meerkats who have just been introduced to visitors at Dudley Zoo.

Oleg and Boris, who are just one month old, are already delighting visitors with their antics.

The youngsters were born on April 20 and are now venturing out into their Tecton enclosure under the watchful eye of adults, who make up the zoo's 16-strong meerkat community, known as a mob.

Jill Hitchman, head of media and communications at the Castle Hill site, said: "Both babies are doing very well and are getting a little bolder every day."

"They are still very much under the guidance of the adult females but they have settled in and are making the most of the sunshine."

"Because you can't really tell when a female is pregnant, and because they usually give birth underground, you never really know when a pup is on the way, so this has been a lovely surprise."

Man to pay £500 after reversing car into bailiff

A MAN reversed his 4x4 into a bailiff who was part of a team trying to seize the vehicle over unpaid parking fines.

Somoza Wright drove into Kevin Davies in May last year when bailiffs tried to tow away his Hyundai Tucson from Buffery Road, Dudley. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told Wright was given the option to pay his fine, hand over the keys or it would be towed.

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, prosecuting, said: "The defendant initially pretended to be someone else but later admitted who he was. The driveway was blocked off to stop the defendant from leaving and he attempted

to back his car off the drive and drove it at Mr Davies. The claimant was struck and required hospital treatment."

Mr Davies suffered a fractured wrist. Wright was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and pleaded not guilty but was found guilty by a jury.

Miss Nicole Steers, defending, said "In terms of mitigation for Mr Wright, there is not much. There was no shouting or swearing."

Wright, now of Carriage Close, Darlaston, was given a 12-month jail sentence suspended for two years and ordered to pay £500 compensation to Mr Davies.

A McDonald's fast food outlet will open 24 hours a day despite fierce objections from neighbours who claim the site has made their lives a nightmare.

The burger joint on Dudley Road, Kingswinford currently closes at 1am but the restaurant has been granted permission to open around the clock.

Dudley Council's licensing committee approved a proposal to extend the serving hours despite residents complaining that anti-social behaviour caused by late night diners has brought intimidation, litter and vandalism to their doorsteps.

A review of the all night licence will be heard in six months though.

On granting the licence, chairman of the committee, Councillor Hilary Bills said: "We have taken a long time

By Katy-Rose Meaney

to decide and have taken the residents' complaints very seriously, which is why we have placed a six month review on granting this change. In future, residents must keep a log of any incidents and contact both McDonalds and the relevant authorities with any problems."

Trouble

An application to open until 5am was rejected in 2008 but in June 2013 the restaurant was permitted to open until 1am.

Mr Trevor Hall, Tim Hall and Dean Rock, residents living on Dudley Road objected and Mr Rock, who lives closest to the restaurant said: "I already have trouble with drivers parking in front of my house, with music blaring. It is a nightmare. I have suffered verbal abuse from youngsters and have found milkshakes thrown up my fence.

I constantly find sauce pots and wrappers in my garden and anti-social behaviour has included my family being threatened by gangs of kids who have parked up to eat their McDonalds."

Their concerns were backed by public protection manager, Dolores Nelson, who said: "We don't think the site is suitable for 24-hour opening. The residents have a right not to be disturbed during the night and opening during these sensitive hours will encourage more vehicles and create a noise nuisance."

The restaurant will have to abide by a series of conditions during the over-night hours including closure of the rear carpark to prevent noise problems to guests staying at the Premier Inn hotel next door.

The expansion will see up to 15 jobs created and barrister Naomi Gilchrist for McDonald's said no one had raised any issues about anti-social behaviour with the firm.

THE empty former post office headquarters in Dudley town centre could be turned into apartments, under £1.5m proposals.

Birmingham developer Parkstone Group wants to convert the buildings, which dates back to 1909, into 21 one-bedroom flats.

The three-storey building at the corner of Wolverhampton Street and Priory Road was last used as a nightclub, called Nulla Nulla, in 2000, but that closed after just 14 months.

It ceased operating as a post office in 1986.

In a planning application, Cerda Planning, agents for Parkstone Group, said the building would require minor alterations to create the apartments.

But in a supporting document, the firm said: "The proposed change of use will, wherever possible, work within the confines of the historic fabric of the building."

"Original walls, internal openings and architectural features that exist will be retained."

Parkstone Group said the current value of the Grade II listed building is £500,000 and the work to create the flats would cost £1.58m.

It features an iron balcony and a stone carved panel of the royal arms above the entrance. Under the proposal, the basement would be turned into a car park.

Minor changes would be made to the windows and inside walls to incorporate the flats, the company said.

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The group will recreate Rodgers and Hammerstein's famous story of the Von Trapp family singers for a five-night run at the venue, which ends with two performances on Saturday.

A large cast of performers is headed by Richard Cope as Captain Von Trapp and Alex Detheridge as Maria. Two sets of youngsters playing the Von Trapp children will be performing on alternate nights.

The show runs every night until June 7 with performances starting at 7.15pm. There will be a matinee on Saturday at 2.15pm.

Tickets are priced at £10 and £11, with concessions available for under 16s. Family discounts are available.

For more details or to buy tickets call 07913 884208 or visit www.qbmts.org.uk

Tributes paid to student killed as car crashes into bus stop



Rebecca McManus, aged 21

A YOUNG woman who died when she was hit by a car at a bus stop was 'talented, warm, generous and lovely', say devastated friends and teachers.

Tributes have been flooding in for creative writing student, poet and musician Rebecca McManus.

The 21-year-old, known for wearing a trademark red beret, died at the scene of the crash on the busy Hagley Road West in Bearwood on Saturday.

Miss McManus, of Oldbury, had attended King Edward VI College in Stourbridge where she achieved four A Levels — two at A* and two at grade A — before enrolling with the University

of East Anglia in Norwich for an English literature with creative writing degree course.

Jane Salmons, English literature tutor at King Edward VI College, said Miss McManus was an outstanding young woman.

Talented

"Not only was she gifted academically, she was also a talented poet and musician," she said.

"She contributed to many aspects of college life and her warmth and generosity made her extremely popular with staff and students.

"She will be greatly missed." Professor Peter Womack, head of the School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing (LDC) at the Uni-

versity of East Anglia, said: "Rebecca was about to complete a three-year course in English literature with creative writing."

"She was an exploring, adventurous poet, and an active and popular member of the creative writing group and the wider LDC community."

Miss McManus was struck when a red Mitsubishi vehicle mounted the pavement and crashed into a bus stop.

A second woman, also 21, who was with Miss McManus at the time of the crash which happened at 7.50pm on Saturday, is in a critical condition in hospital.

A 32-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

Astle's death is linked to headers

THE family of West Bromwich Albion legend Jeff Astle have renewed calls for the Football Association to take action after new tests confirmed he died from the same disease found in brain damaged former boxers.

The 59-year-old, best remembered for scoring the winning goal at the 1968 FA Cup final, died in 2002 after being originally diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

But a doctor who carried out a re-examination of Astle's brain, after his family gave permission, now believes he suffered a progressive degenerative disease found in individuals with a history of multiple concussions and other head injury.

His daughter Dawn wants The FA to warn others. The family had feared that his death was caused by heading footballs rather than Alzheimer's disease.

Now it has been confirmed that the England star is the first British footballer known to have fallen victim to chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) which stems from repetitive low level blows to the head.

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Paddy's sensational return to talent show



Paddy and Nico's showstopper routine on Britain's Got Talent

SALSA star Paddy Jones made a sensational return to top TV show Britain's Got Talent after recovering from injury.

The purple-clad 79-year-old, from Stourbridge, and her dance teacher Nico Espinosa were in the top three in the public vote in the semi finals along with the swing quartet Jack Pack and 15-year-old singer songwriter Bailey McConnell.

Despite a shaky routine the judges voted three to one to put Paddy through to the final after she injured her ribs while rehearsing in Spain, putting her place in the show at risk.

She had been ruled out of the show due to her injury but at the last minute revealed she was feeling up to the high-energy routine and would be able to take to the stage.

Spain

Paddy retired to Spain several years ago and had returned there to prepare for Saturday's performance on the hit ITV1 series after her being put straight through to the penultimate round by judge Amanda Holden under the golden

buzzer rule. Paddy said: "It's quite extraordinary really. I came over here on Thursday after being unwell because I had an injury from dancing."

"I had to wait until today and then the doctor said I could compete."

"I would like to be in the final because we have had so much support from people in Great Britain and from around the world really. We would love to repay people," she added.

But it was the swing boy band Jack Pack that was the public's top choice for a safe place in the final leaving Paddy and dance partner Nico to sweat it out before the panel along with talented teen Bailey.

Simon Cowell opted for the singer but David Walliams, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden said the night belonged to Paddy to give her the last remaining place in Saturday's finale.

But the day before the semis Britain's Got Talent announced that after seeking medical advice, Paddy would not perform in the semi-final and unfortunately she and Nico had to withdraw.

But at the start of the live show Amanda revealed: "We didn't even know if she would be here."

"It's just a miracle. I hope that everybody is rooting for her."

Showbiz Kenny's 35 years of entertainment fun

MEETING Tom Jones, playing football against Chris Tarrant and appearing on *Crossroads* – just some of the highlights in the career of entertainer Kenny Craig.

And as he marks 35 years in the business, the Sedgley performer says he is just as enthusiastic now as when he first started out.

Over the course of his long career, he has had the chance to travel from his native Black Country to venues in Vancouver, Malta and Spain.

And while on his travels, he has rubbed shoulders with some of the top names in the music industry.

Kenny, who started playing the guitar, aged 10, says one of his fondest memories is being asked to play in a football team alongside music legends Roy Wood, Jeff Lynne and Bev Bevan at the Molineux.

"It was a testimonial to Derek Dougan," he said. "We were playing against a team made up of the Tiswas presenters including Chris Tarrant."

"It was amazing and because so many kids wanted to see the Tiswas team there were nearly 23,000 there which is very rare for a testimonial."

"Jasper Carrott played as well. After the match there was a reception at Wolverhampton Civic Hall and Bev Bevan asked if I would like to play in another fundraising match down in London. They were great times."

He came face to face with Tom Jones

when the star performed at Beacon Radio. "He was a really nice and chatted to a lot of people," he said. "All of the performers I have met have been very genuine. Not one has ever acted the star."

But it is not just the music world that Kenny has been involved in, taking supporting roles in *Boon*, *Soldier Soldier* and *Crossroads*. "I have always



Kenny Craig with some of his trophies he was won for entertainment



Kenny Craig, fifth from left, in charity match line-up at Molineux

wanted to do as much as possible and I really enjoyed my time on those sets," he said.

"Although, music has always been my main passion. That is what I love doing and still get a buzz from being on stage. "I am as enthusiastic today as I was in my 20s. It has been a smashing career and has been very good to me."

Kenny knew he wanted to pursue

music from an early age and was supported by his parents Jack and Ivy and brothers Roy, John and Malcolm.

He also credits a teacher at Willingsworth High School, Tipton, for helping him. "Her name is Elizabeth Mills and I still speak to her occasionally," said Kenny. She was good to all of us in the early days when we were first learning to play guitar."

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Tipton Sports and Social Club's committee members in 1975



The function room at Tipton Sports and Social Club in the late 1970s



One of the first pictures of the football team, in 1964



The club's three founder members, from left, Trevor Pearce, William Andrews and Raymond Cresswell

Milestone for club set up by Palethorpes pals

PROUDLY celebrating an amazing 50 years since it started is Tipton Sports and Social Club which has remained a hub of the community while other establishments have disappeared.

With a membership which has dwindled slightly over the years – at its height there were over 1,000 members – the club still boasts football, darts and dominoes teams, and there is a rich programme of entertainment.

Founding member and secretary, Trevor Pearce started off the club with two workmates, William Andrews and Raymond Cresswell, when they feared they would lose their football team as their base was being sold off.

The trio played for teams formed through their company Palethorpes Sausages. In the early 60s the club began selling off some of its land – including where the teams played at Coneygree Road in Tipton.

The football team was at the time

MEMORY LANE By Adam Grinsell

playing in the Birmingham Works League, but suddenly were given a week's notice that they would no longer be able to continue.

So the three friends decided to look for land where they might be able to move the teams.

Mr Pearce, now the only surviving founder member of the club, said: "We were losing the patch of land and everything. We wrote to everyone in the area, even as far away as Stoke. There was at least 10 sites I wrote to personally to try to get the land to form a club."

The group, under the name Tipton Sports and Social Club, could use a council-owned pitch for the football team but it still needed a club house – they first moved into a room above the Boscobel Tavern, on Boscobel Street, which they rented for £1 a week.

They ran bingo sessions to amuse the 30 or so regular members, which

were mostly the players and their wives. Mr Pearce, collecting the subs, had to sit at the top of the stairs in the pub so that the others had space for their activities inside the hired room.

Eventually, running club Tipton Harriers approached the group, as its hut was on land that was also owned by Palethorpes – land which was also to be sold. Between the two clubs they agreed that Tipton Sports would buy the land, while in return for use of the building Tipton Harriers would be allowed to use the facilities as its headquarters.

The club then had a home to call its own, and Tipton Sports and Social Club was born.

As the club grew, their base improved, with a bar being installed, a car park laid, and in 1968 a new building was erected. Since then the club's home on Sedgley Road East has been significantly improved, and two years ago had a £98,000 refurbishment.

For more information on the club, including the hire of its function room, see www.tiptonsportsandsocialclub.co.uk, or call 0121 5574136 or 0121 5201754.



Children at the club get a visit from Santa in the 1970s



Tipton Sports and Social Club, situated on Sedgley Road East, which is celebrating 50 years

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The event took place to raise awareness of stroke and TIA/mini stroke and 183 people took advantage of having a free blood pressure and blood glucose check.

This coincided with the theme of the month long campaign launched by The Stroke Association which was TIA or transient ischaemic attack (known as a mini stroke). Every year at least 46,000 people in the UK have a TIA for the first time and although the symptoms last only a short time, and not longer than 24 hours, they are the same as a stroke. People have no way of knowing whether they are having a stroke or TIA so it must be treated as a medical emergency, ACT FAST and call 999. TIA



is still very serious and is often called a warning stroke yet too many people are unaware of the link between TIA and stroke. It's a sign that a person is at risk of going on to have a stroke.

If you think you have had a TIA and not sought medical attention see your GP urgently.

Awareness

Dudley Stroke Association are a local independent charity providing advice, support, and information to people and their families after a stroke as well as raising awareness into its effects and prevention.

Their Family & Carer Support Worker contacts

people newly diagnosed with a stroke and offer them and their families' support which includes hospital or home visits, telephone contact or putting people in touch with other agencies.

Everyone who has a stroke is entitled to a review 6 weeks, 6 months and 12 months after their stroke and Dudley Clinical Commissioning Groups has asked Dudley Stroke Association to carry these out on their behalf.

Longer term support is offered via telephone or home visits and through the activities they run including Family and Carer Support groups, exercise after stroke groups including a weekly exercise group at The Dell Stadium using the track and outdoor gym equipment, coffee mornings and support groups for people who may have communication difficulties following their stroke.

The Self Management Programme delivered by Dudley Stroke Association is specifically for people after a stroke and their carers, runs for 6 weeks and helps people develop strategies in living their life after a stroke.

Can you help spread the importance of the FAST message? Dudley Public Health



has provided funding to put the FAST message onto sports kits. The Association will come out to your groups and talk about stroke and the work they do, if you are involved in a sports team or would like to help them raise awareness then contact the Association for more details.

For more information about the work Dudley Stroke Association do or how they can help you, please contact them on 01384 271982 or email mail@dudleystrokeassociation.org.uk Or visit our website www.dudleystrokeassociation.org.uk



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Traditional pub has reopened

CASK ales and cobs are back on the menu after a traditional pub reopened its doors.

The Waggon and Horses in Stourbridge underwent a £50,000 refurbishment to bring the historic building on Worcester Street back to its former glory.

The building had stood empty for four months after time was called on a vegetarian cafe bar operating there in October 2013. It was known as David Murphy's but closed after going into administration.

Lease

Now the revamped pub has welcomed its first customers as part of the official reopening newly-wed landlords, Dan and Amy Wilkes, said had been 'fantastic'.

The couple, who have two children, took on a five year lease at the three-bar pub after it was bought in March by two directors of Enville Ales, Jerry Hedges and Owen Lawson.

Mother and daughter star in film shown at Cannes festival

IT was only a few years ago that Val Monk was working as a college administrator dreaming of one day hitting the big screen.

Nowher wish has come true after a short film in which she plays the lead was screened at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France.

The 37-year-old from Dudley starred as Kathleen in An Unfortunate Woman, alongside her six-year-old daughter Kiera.

Based upon the story of the UK's first mercy killing in 1938, it follows the life of Kathleen Mumford, who killed her severely disabled son rather than let him be institutionalised because of his condition.

"We couldn't be happier with the result and the fact that it showed at Cannes," said Mrs Monk, of Osberton Drive, Milking Bank. "When I first heard it would be shown I was very excited and Kiera was jumping around the room, although I did have to explain exactly what it meant.

"It's always been my dream to act, but I never thought I would make it to Cannes."

Her daughter, who is a pupil at Milking Bank Primary School, played both Kathleen as a youngster facing her own internment



Val Monk and her daughter Kiera in a scene An Unfortunate Woman

in a catholic nunnery and the role of her son, who suffers from cerebral palsy.

"Having her in that role really helped me with my role and I think that's what the producer really wanted," said the mother-of-one. "I am so very proud of her. She played the role really well."

The former administrator at Dudley Col-

lege spent more than a year filming at the Beamish Museum, Durham, close to where the original story took place.

She said: "I spent days over a hot open fire or outside washing clothes in the cold it made me look old and haggard it really helped me really get into the role. "It's such a touching and emotional story and I even



Val and Kiera at home in Milking Bank, Dudley

find myself welling up just talking about it"

But she nearly didn't get the role. "I was originally going to play the role of a nun but after an audition with me and my daughter they decided to give me it," she said. "I absolutely fell in love with the story. I eventually became an associate director and was heavily involved in costume design."

NEWS in brief

Fitness inspired by the Marines

A ROYAL Marines-inspired fitness class has started - aiming to help people burn body fat and change their metabolism.

The Metafit training system session takes place at the Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge every Monday from 7.20am to 7.50am. Created by a former Royal Marine Commando, the class is described as suitable for all fitness levels with up-to-date training techniques to boost motivation.

Water pipe work scheme starts

MOTORISTS were being warned of disruption after work began on a £160,000 scheme to replace water pipes through a village.

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'Too big, too bossy' EU in need of fundamental change

THE WAY I SEE IT

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



'People in Dudley South and the Black Country feel that the European Union is heading in a direction we never signed up to'

THE votes have now been counted and the results declared in the local and European elections.

At the election night count at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, I was delighted to welcome Cllr Natalie Neale to the Conservative team on Dudley MBC representing Kingswinford North & Wall Heath but was saddened that hardworking former Councillor John Jones lost in Wordsley to UKIP.

Cllr Patrick Harley, Conservative Group Leader, held Kingswinford South with another very strong result reflecting his hard work in the ward over many years and during the campaign. My thanks also go to Kamran Razaq, Nicola Richards and Dan Jones for being a bright new young generation of Conservative candidates bringing a fresh approach to our local Party.

I have already passed my contact details onto the new Dudley South Councillors, UKIP's Cllr Paul Brothwood (Wordsley) and Labour's Cllr Elaine Taylor (Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews), to request that we work together in a non-partisan manner for the benefit of all residents, regardless of political outlook or voting intention.

Following the declaration of the results of the elections across the borough Labour remain in control of the local authority under the leadership of Cllr David Sparks.

In the West Midlands region two Conservative MEPs were returned, Philip Bradbourn MEP and Anthea McIntyre MEP.

Immediately after the results of the European elections were declared the Prime Minister travelled to Brussels for a European Council meeting of Heads of Government.

There David Cameron said that Brussels has got 'too big, too bossy and too interfering'.

People in Dudley South and the Black Country feel that the European Union is heading in a direction we never signed up to, that it's costing British taxpayers too much and we have lost control of our own affairs. As I have said consistently for well over a decade - including my period helping the 'no' euro (keep the pound) campaign - the EU

needs fundamental change. We need people running EU organisations that understand the need for change and can build a Europe that is about openness, competitiveness and flexibility, not about the past.

Immigration will rightly be a 'red line' during the PM's EU negotiations. Uncontrolled mass immigration makes it difficult to maintain social cohesion, puts pressure on our public services and forces down wages for people on low incomes. Where we can control immigration, that is immigration from outside the EU, we are controlling it.

Non-EU net migration is down by a third since the

election and is at its lowest level since 1998. Overall, net migration is down by 70,000 but at 212,000 it is still far too high. We are tackling abuse of free movement within the EU, limiting EU immigrants' access to benefits and removing those who are not here to work, and want to return the concept of free movement to a sensible basis. Some politicians seem to have had something of a Damascene conversion to these principles very recently.

As part of our long-term economic plan, the Conservatives are building an immigration system that is fair to British citizens and legitimate migrants and tough on those who abuse the system or flout the law. I want to ensure that people come to our country for the right reasons - to work hard and contribute to our economy and society.

I really enjoyed campaigning for the local and European elections. I also visited HSBC in Kingswinford to discuss the bank's social action programme in our community including support for Cancer Support Dudley (the White House) and improving figures for lending to businesses. Local organisations interested in applying to the bank for support with community projects can contact me via www.dudleysouth.com/contact or visit the branch.

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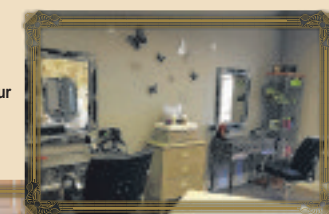
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I Am Kloot also wrote music for BBC TV drama From There To Here.

Bramwell's seated show starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £15 in advance (£16 door). Call 01902 401211.

Solihull is to go psychedelic

THE festival season is under way with new event the Lunar Festival taking place on the rural fringe of Birmingham this weekend.

The line up shows a tendency towards psychedelic and folk music with headliners including British Sea Power tomorrow night, 1960s Sunshine Superman Donovan on Saturday and Texan collective The Polyphonic Spree on Sunday. Acts also include Tim Burgess of The Charlatans, Temples and Scott Matthews from Wolverhampton. It's at the Umberlade Estate at Tanworth in Arden, near Solihull. See lunarfestival.co.uk.

Happy Days are here again as the Fonz bursts into song

Paolo's Scottish passion

Paolo Nutini, Wolverhampton Civic Hall SCOTTISH singer-songwriter Paolo Nutini has made the transition from scruffy teenaged charmer to a soul singer. Hunched over his microphone, eyes half-closed, his sandpaper and velvet vocal oozed passion as fans soaked up songs from a three album career that began with These Streets in 2006.

The five year gap between Sunny Side Up and his latest, Caustic Love, did plenty to whet the appetite as the 27-year-old performed for a full house on Friday. The soul numbers really impressed, including Better Man, Diana and, dedicated to his mother, Looking For Something. The set closed with the fervent Iron Sky then Nutini returned for a mash up of Jenny Don't Be Hasty with New Shoes, ending aptly with Last Request. LB



Soulful singing from Paolo Nutini seen in concert at Wolverhampton Civic Hall

IT'S a big week for musicals coming up with a new show based on a much-loved TV series from the 1970s and a Rodgers and Hammerstein classic.

Sugababe Heide Range, Emmerdale's Ben Freeman and Eurovision winner Cheryl Baker will be joining forces for Happy Days: A New Musical, bringing the King of Cool Arthur 'The Fonz' Fonzarelli to the stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

West End leading man Freeman will be putting on the leather jacket and stepping into Henry Winkler's biker boots as Fonzie, Bucks Fizz singer Miss Baker will be Mrs Cunningham and Miss Range the glamorous Pinky Tuscadero in musical set in rock 'n' roll era America.

The rest of the Cunningham clan and other favourite characters from the series, including Ralph, Potie and Chachi, feature in a story about them trying to save their beloved diner Arnold's from demolition.

The show has been written by creator of the original TV show Garry Marshall, who has also become a top movie director with such hits as Pretty Woman, Beaches and The Princess Diaries 1 and 2. The original music is from Paul Williams, the creator of Bugsy Malone and songwriter of some of The Carpenters' biggest



The stars of Happy Days

hits. Original Fonzie, Henry Winkler, is a creative consultant to ensure it gets the Fonzie thumbs up.

The second city's own Birmingham Musical Theatre Company head for Bali Hai when they stage South Pacific at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday. The show featuring such songs as There Is Nothing Like A Dame, Happy Talk and Some Enchanted Evening has Abigail Wells as Nellie Forbush.

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Birmingham Rep hosts a play about domestic violence, Stay, at sold-out venue The Door on Monday. Pests by Vivienne Franzmann, about drug-addict sisters, is staged at The Door from Wednesday to Saturday.

Tangible Things, a new play by Matt Beames, shows a modern man in rebellion against the electronic age at Wolverhampton University's Arena Theatre tomorrow and Saturday evening.

Soul Legend with a date at the NIA

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Ant & Dec

Britain's Got Talent: Live Final (ITV, 7pm)

After weeks of tough auditions and five fiercely competitive semi-finals, the national talent search comes to a close as the remaining contestants perform one last time. The hopefuls all have one simple aim – to win a coveted slot at this year's Royal Variety Performance and get their hands on the £250,000 cash prize. All they have to do is impress the voting public, as the opinions of judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon count for nothing – who wins is entirely down to the viewers at home. Plus, Little Mix perform their new single Salute with a special routine by Diversity, and there's also music by another big-name act. Presented by Ant and Dec. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigella'sissima. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wigan Warriors v Castleford Tigers (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **5.00** Live Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal (Start-time 6.00pm).

7.20 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.40 **Pointless Celebrities: World Cup Special.** Alexander Armstrong hosts an edition featuring contestants with links to the famous football tournament. The pairs are English World Cup-winning duo Geoff Hurst and George Cohen, Peter Shilton and Steve Bull, who both represented England in 1990's tournament, former footballer Graeme Le Saux and commentator Jonathan Pearce, and Hope Powell and Casey Stoner, representing the women's game. All are trying to score the lowest points possible by giving the least obvious correct answers to questions posed to 100 people before the show and win big for their chosen charities. Last in the series.

8.30 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Jenni Falconer presents the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.20 **Casualty.** A fire in a care home for the elderly puts Rita on the spot. Lily helps a man with toothache face up to the real cause of his pain and Connie questions Zoe's competence.

10.10 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Dermot's pre-marriage nerves get the better of him, so he locks himself away in a cupboard. (R)

11.00 **Live at the Apollo.** Andy Parsons hosts the stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo, inviting comedians Andrew Lawrence and Milton Jones to share their light-hearted views on modern life. (R)

11.30 **Film: Poseidon.** (2006) Remake of 1970s disaster movie The Poseidon Adventure, starring Kurt Russell and Richard Dreyfuss.

1.00 **Weather.** **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.10** **Film:** They Live By Night. (1946) **7.45** Great British Menu. (R) **8.45** Great British Menu. (R) **9.45** World Cup Films. **11.20** Wimbledon Classics. **1.20** Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Second Practice. **2.55** Live Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Third Practice. **4.05** Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker – Natural World. (R) **5.05** Antiques Road Trip. (R)

6.05 **Flog It!** Michael Baggott and Philip Serrell value antiques in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, while Paul Martin heads for a mill to learn about James Lewis's large snuff-box collection. (R)

7.00 **The Summer Exhibition: BBC Arts at the Royal Academy.** Kirsty Wark, Alastair Sooke and Morgan Quaintance attend the private view of the open-entry art show, talking to artists Bob and Roberta Smith, Conrad Shawcross and Yinka Shonibare.

8.00 **Yes, Prime Minister.** Jim gets wind of a major financial scandal in the City that is bound to have damaging repercussions for the government. With the party conference looming, he decides it's time for him to take swift and firm action – but Sir Humphrey has other ideas. (R)

8.30 **I Love 1980.** Actor Larry Hagman presents a look back at the highs and lows of the year's pop culture, including the shooting of his character J.R. in Dallas and the success of musical Fame. (R)

10.00 **French and Saunders.** Comedy sketches and parodies by comedy duo Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders. (R)

10.30 **Victoria Wood as Seen on TV.** Comedy sketches written by and starring Victoria Wood, with Julie Walters, Celia Imrie, Duncan Preston and Susie Blake. (R)

11.00 **TOTP2: Duran Duran Special.** Mark Radcliffe introduces the memorable Top of the Pops performances by Duran Duran, including Girls on Film, My Own Way, Hungry Like the Wolf, Rio, The Reflex, Wild Boys and Notorious. (R)

11.30 **TOTP2: Wham! Special.** Mark Radcliffe introduces a selection of Top of the Pops performances by the duo, including Club Tropicana, Bad Boys, Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go, Freedom and Edge of Heaven. (R)

12.00 **Film:** Deadly Pursuit. (1988) **1.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dinosaurs. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digmom Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.50** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **12.25** Storage Hoarders. (R) **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. John Inverdale presents coverage of the women's singles final from Roland Garros, where the second Grand Slam tournament of the year takes place. Subsequent programmes subject to change. Coverage continues on ITV4. **5.35** National Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 **Let Me Entertain You.** Viewers' videos for Taylor Swift and Rizzle Kicks hits. Last in the series.

6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** Comedian Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips. Tonight, exploding toilets, airborne chainsaws and a cat that can play the drums, plus a rare glimpse of Darth Vader on the loose.

7.00 **Britain's Got Talent: Live Final.** The remaining acts face their biggest challenge yet as they perform for public votes one final time, and Little Mix sing Salute with a routine by Diversity. Last in the series.

9.30 **Live International Football.** England v Honduras (Kick-off 9.45pm). Coverage of the friendly at the Sunlife Stadium in Miami, as England play their final match before their World Cup opener against Italy. England have never met tonight's opponents before, but will be looking to put in a strong performance against one of the lesser-experienced sides participating in the tournament in Brazil, which begins on Thursday.

While Roy Hodgson's men will expect a morale-boosting result, the Hondurans will also see this encounter as ideal preparation for the tournament, having been drawn in Group E alongside France, Switzerland and Ecuador, with their first match being against the French on June 15. Presented by Adrian Chiles, with commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Andy Townsend, and analysis from Glenn Hodges, Lee Dixon and Ian Wright.

12.15 ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV NightScreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Derby. Including the 4.00 Investec Derby (1m 41). **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke revisits retired police officer Mark Rand and his wife Pat, who took on the restoration of the Grade II-listed water tower at Settle station in North Yorkshire. Two years after the project started, the architect wants to see if the couple have succeeded in transforming the tower into a suitable home. He also meets train enthusiast and former politician Michael Portillo, who was instrumental in saving the Settle to Carlisle line during his tenure as transport minister. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud meets Tim and Philomena O'Donovan, who are trying to convert a lifeboat station in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, into a contemporary home and preserve the historic building for posterity. A weather-worn, rusting and rotting hulk that was never designed for habitation, it is perched on a steel pier 40ft above the sea and can only be reached by crossing the sandy beach at low tide. (R)

9.00 **Film: My Sister's Keeper.** (2009) A couple whose daughter develops leukaemia have a second child to eventually provide a donor organ for her sister. However, as the younger child enters her teens and learns why she was born, she rejects the arrangement and hires a lawyer to seek legal separation from her parents. Drama, starring Cameron Diaz.

11.05 **Channel 4's Comedy Gala 2014.** Entertainment extravaganza from the O2 in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital, with an all-star line-up featuring Adam Hills, John Bishop, Aisling Bea, Jo Brand and Kevin Bridges. (R)

1.35 **Film:** Reno 911!: Miami. (2007) **3.00** Hollywood. (R) **5.05** SuperScrippers. (R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.50** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) **11.50** Big Brother: Power Trip Launch. (R) **1.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.15** NCIS Movie: Judgement Day. (R) **4.00** **Film:** Columbo: Ransom for a Dead Man. (1971) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.

6.00 **Film: Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost.** (2011) The police chief is forced into retirement, but continues his own discreet investigations into the death of a teenage girl and a convicted murderer he believes to be innocent. Meanwhile, his former colleagues on the force struggle to cope with his replacement. Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck and Kathy Baker. Edited for violence.

7.35 **5 News Weekend.**

7.40 **NCIS.** A marine is found with a gunshot wound six years after disappearing in Afghanistan, and the team discovers he vanished while carrying out an undercover mission. (R)

8.35 **NCIS.** The agents reluctantly team up with the coast guard to investigate the apparent murder of a Navy diver who was trying to recover a sunken ship and its treasure. With Mark Harmon. (R)

9.30 **Big Brother: Power Trip.** Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.30 **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Rylan Clark and Iain Lee analyse the housemates' behaviour, with the help of psychologists, body-language experts and new regular panellist Luisa Zissman.

11.30 **Street Crime UK: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis joins police forces across the nation to discover how CCTV and technological advances are helping to fight the huge rise in street crime. (R)

11.55 Access.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Illegal Immigrant & Proud. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.30** Doctor Who **8.15** Top Gear **9.20** **Film:** Father of the Bride Part II (1995) **11.00** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.35** Backchat World Cup Special **2.20** Badtuts **2.50** Russell Howard's Good News **3.20** Sweet the Small Stuff **3.50** Great TV Mistakes **4.00** Close **BBC Four**

7.00 Amazon Abyss **8.00** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **9.00** Wallander **10.25** Rome's Lost Empire **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1979 **12.40** The Genius of David Bowie **1.40** Amazon Abyss **2.40** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **3.40** Close **ITV2**

11.55 Farewell Tina **12.25** Take Me Out **1.35** I Wanna Marry 'Harry' **3.30** You've Been Framed! **4.35** **Film:** Twister (1996) **6.50** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) **9.30** Britain's Got More Talent **10.30** **ITV 00** **11.00** **Film:** Shaun of the Dead (2004) **1.05** Viral Tap **1.45** Britain's Got More Talent **2.35** You've Been Framed! **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3
1.00 Agatha Christie's Marple **3.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.05** Judge Judy **1.50** Movies Now **2.00** **ITV3** NightScreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
1.40 Magnum, Pt 2 **4.00** **Film:** Dunkirk (1958) **5.30** Live French Open Tennis. Continued coverage of the day's play at Roland Garros. **7.00** Hornblower **9.00** TT **2014** **10.00** **Film:** A Dangerous Man (2010) **12.00** Grand Prix Racer **1.00** TT **2014** **2.00** Nitro Circus **2.55** **ITV4** NightScreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.00 How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Youngers **4.35** Road (ish) Tube **5.30** How I Met Your Mother **6.50** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** **Film:** Black Knight (2001) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.55** The Inbetweeners **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.00** The Cleveland Show **3.45** Glee **4.30** Ugly Betty **Film4**
1.00 Meet Dave (2008) **2.55** Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979) **5.40** The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008) **8.00** Grace of Monaco Interview Special **9.00** Priest (2011) **10.45** Sorority Row (2009) **12.40** Weekender (2011) **2.25** Its (2006) **4.00** Close

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Dermot O'Leary

Soccer Aid 2014 (ITV, 6pm)
Dermot O'Leary presents the pre-match build-up and the big game in aid of Unicef, which sees footballing heroes team up with celebrities for an England v Rest of the World match live from Old Trafford (Kick-off 8.00pm). Robbie Williams captains the England team, managed by Sam Allardyce and featuring former professionals such as David Seaman, Teddy Sheringham and Jamie Redknapp, plus stars including Jack Whitehall and Oily Murs. Jose Mourinho manages the opposing side, which calls upon the talents of Alessandro Del Piero, Andriy Shevchenko and other pros, lining up with captain Michael Sheen and a squad featuring Gordon Ramsay and James McAvoy. Kirsty Gallacher is pitchside with the players.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Pentecost 2014. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Countryfile. (R) **2.15** Best of Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.40** Flop It! (R) **3.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.10** Points of View. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Countryfile. **6.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.20** Live Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix. Coverage of the seventh round of the season, staged at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal (Start-time 7.00pm). Michael Schumacher has won this race on seven occasions, with Lewis Hamilton the most successful of the current drivers, and the Mercedes man will be heavily fancied to win here for the fourth time and continue his title charge. Presented by Suzi Perry, with commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard. **9.00** **Quirke**. As his family life unravels, and grief and drink begin to take their toll, the pathologist is more than receptive to a request from his daughter Phoebe, who asks for his help in the search for her missing friend April, who hasn't been seen in more than a week. He begins to fear she has come to harm when he discovers blood in his flat, but when he tells her well-connected family, the Latimers, their response is not what he was expecting and they close ranks. Quirke pursues his enquiries and finds himself in a world where race and class are the determining factors. Last in the series. **10.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.55** **Kris: Dying to Live**. Documentary following Kris Hallengra, who was diagnosed with terminal breast cancer at the age of 23, as she battles her illness and promotes her charity Coppafell. **11.55** **Film: Taken in Broad Daylight**. (2009) A teenage girl who is kidnapped and held hostage for six days. However, far from cracking up during her traumatic experience, she keeps her wits about her, manipulating her captor and leaving subtle clues for the police to ensure rescue as the abductor moves her across state lines. Fact-based thriller, with Sara Canning, James Van Der Beek, LeVar Burton and Diana Reiss. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 **Film: Desert Passage**. (1952) **7.00** **Film: Wagon Train**. (1940) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** World Cup Films. **10.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bits. **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **2.00** Great British Menu. (R) **3.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Bradford Bulls v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.30pm). **5.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Gabby Logan spends a day with England hockey captain Kate Richardson-Walsh. **6.00** **Ice Age Giants**. Alice Roberts examines the latest discoveries from the northern hemisphere to shed light on the lives and habitats of the creatures that dominated the planet 40,000 years ago. She begins by heading to North America, which was home to a diverse group of giant mammals, and discovers how the sabre-toothed cat's out-sized teeth were vital for hunting, yet easily broken. Alice looks at evidence of the bear-sized Shasta ground sloth in a cave in the Grand Canyon, and learns about the strange armadillo-like glyptodont - which was the size of a small car. (R) **7.00** **Tropic of Cancer**. Leg three of Simon Reeve's journey takes him from the banks of the Nile in Egypt to the edge of the Indian Ocean in Oman, introducing him to nomadic Bedouins displaced by drought. (R) **8.00** **I Bought a Rainforest**. Charlie Hamilton James's wife Philippa Forrester flies out to raise his spirits, and the cameraman joins two locals on a four-day mission to illegally fell a giant hardwood tree. **9.00** **Wildfires 2014: Inside the Inferno**. Part one of two. Kate Humble and Simon Reeve travel to Australia to discover how the New South Wales Rural Fire Service contends with as many as 100 fires a day. **10.00** **QI XL**. Extended edition. Jo Brand, Graham Linehan and Jimmy Carr join regular panelist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of knowledge. (R) **10.45** **Film: Adventureland**. (2009) A college graduate falls in love while spending a summer working at a ramshackle amusement park in the 1980s. Comedy, with Jesse Eisenberg. **12.25** Sign Zone. Countryfile. (R) **1.20** Holby City. (R) **2.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge**. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** 50 Animals. (R) **7.00** 50 Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadline Stories. (R) **8.25** **ITV News**. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Make the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** **ITV News: Weather**. **11.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.30** Footie Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly. (R) **1.00** Let Me Entertain You. Viewers' videos for Twitter Swift and Rizzle Kicks hits, Cher impersonators and a musical showdown between wedding guests and chicken-shop workers. Last in the series. (R) **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final. Coverage of the conclusion of the second Grand Slam tournament of the season, staged at Roland Garros in Paris. Last year's final was a relatively tame affair, as Rafael Nadal won an eighth title by beating Spanish compatriot David Ferrer 6-3, 6-2, 6-3, having been pushed all the way by Novak Djokovic in his epic semi-final. Presented by John Inverdale, with commentary by Nick Mullins, reports by Celine Hinchcliffe and analysis by Jim Courier, Mark Petchey and Fabrice Santoro. Subsequent programmes subject to change. Coverage continues on ITV4. **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.50** **ITV News: Weather**. **6.00** **Soccer Aid 2014**. Robbie Williams and Michael Sheen captain the pro-celebrity teams for the charity football match, live from Old Trafford, as England take on the Rest of the World (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** **ITV News: Weather**. **10.20** **Film: Atonement**. (2007) In 1935, 13-year-old Briony Tallis discovers the burgeoning relationship between her older sister Cecilia and Robbie Turner, a servant's son whom she has a crush on herself. The teenager becomes increasingly jealous of the pair and spitefully accuses him of a crime he did not commit, unaware her actions will have tragic repercussions. Joe Wright's romantic period drama, based on Ian McEwan's novel, starring Keira Knightley, James McAvoy, Brenda Blethyn, Saoirse Ronan and Romola Garai. **12.40** The Store. Home shopping. **2.40** Motorsport UK. Highlights from Donington Park. **3.30** **ITV Nightscreen**. Text-based information service. **4.15** May the Best House Win. (R) **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Transylvania. **7.05** British GT. **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Simpsons. (R) **3.05** **Film: Beaches**. (1988) Drama, starring Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey. **5.35** Deal or No Deal. **6.30** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Four Rooms**. The dealers battle it out over a Cold War code-breaking machine, some of the top plots of rock star Pete Doherty's house and a sci-fi sculpture. Can they also be coaxed into splashing out on a tantric figure and a rare Russian nude painting? Meeting each potential buyer in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to reject an offer. Presented by Anita Rani. **8.00** **Born in the Wild**. New series. Veterinary surgeon Mark Evans and comparative anatomist Joy Reidenberg explore the world of animal reproduction, looking at how different species find and attract a mate, give birth and raise their young in hostile habitats. In South Africa, Mark investigates how male elephants find females in vast home ranges, while in the Okavango Delta in Botswana, Joy sets up night-vision cameras for a rare look at the birth of a calf. The programme also reveals why these animals have the longest pregnancy of any mammal and how quickly a newborn takes its first steps. **9.00** **Fargo**. Molly faces increasing pressure to close the case, while Lester starts to feel like a new man. Continuing the American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' hit film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Colin Hanks and Allison Tolman. **10.05** **Film: The Debt**. (2010) Premiere. Former Mossad agents find the secrets behind their killing of a Nazi war criminal 30 years ago coming back to haunt them. Thriller, with Hilary Mirren and Tom Wilkinson. **12.20** **Film: The Conspirator**. Premiere. Period drama, starring James McAvoy. (2010) **2.20** **Utopia**. (R) **3.15** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R) **4.15** Hugh's 3 Good Things. (R) **4.40** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.50** Building the Dream. (R) **5.45** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Moby. (R) **7.30** Milkshake! Pop Box. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Big Brother: Power Trip. (R) **11.40** Film: Teen Wolf. (1985) Comedy, starring Michael J. Fox. **1.20** **Film: The Money Pit**. (1986) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Shelley Long. **3.05** **Film: Ghostbusters**. (1984) Supernatural comedy, starring Bill Murray. **5.10** **Film: Mannequin**. (1987) Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy. **6.55** **Film: Dirty Dancing**. (1987) A dance instructor at a 1950s resort hotel fears his career will be jeopardised when his regular partner is forced to pull out of an important show in which they are due to perform. Luckily, a naive teenager is happy to step in, and is treated to a whirlwind holiday education in life, love and expressing himself. Romantic drama, starring Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey and Jerry Orbach. Part of Channel 5's 80's Movie Marathon. **8.55** **5 News Weekend**. **9.00** **Big Brother: Power Trip**. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **10.00** **The Greatest 80s Movies**. Romni Ancoria narrates a countdown of viewers' favourite films from the decade, including ET, Top Gun, The Goonies, Ghostbusters, Beverly Hills Cop and Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Part of Channel 5's 80's Movie Marathon. **1.00** **SuperCasino**. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** In the Flesh **10.55** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad! **12.05** Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Highlights **1.05** In the Flesh **2.00** Tiger Takes on Love **2.55** In the Flesh **3.50** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Decisive Weapons **7.30** The Science of D-Day **8.00** We Fought on D-Day **8.50** Deer in the City **9.00** Norman Wisdom: His Story **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** The Horizon Guide to Mars **11.30** You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story **12.30** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **1.30** Norman Wisdom: His Story **2.30** Decisive Weapons **3.00** The Science of D-Day **3.30** Close
ITV2
12.50 America's Got Talent **2.30** Britain's Got Talent: Live Final **5.05** Britain's Got More Talent **6.10** Film: Zookeeper (2011) **8.10** Film: Year One (2009) **10.00** Film: Tap **10.45** Film: Red Dragon (2002) **1.15** Viral Tap **1.55** 100% You've Been Framed! **2.45** Teleshopping
ITV3
11.55 Lewis **2.00** Midsomer Murders **12.05** Film: In the Name of the Father (1993) **2.25** William and Mary **3.20** Judge Judy **3.40** Emmerdale
ITV4
11.15 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round four from Oulton Park **5.40** Live French Open Tennis. Continued coverage of the day's play at Roland Garros. **8.00** **Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training** (1986) **9.50** Movies Now **10.00** Film: Age of Heroes (2011) **11.55** Film: The Black Windmill (1974) **2.05** Tommy Cooper **2.40** Movies Now **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store
E4
12.30 Youngers **1.00** Made in Chelsea **2.05** Revenge **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** The Tomorrow People **5.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Troy **8.00** Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **10.00** The Interwebsters **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Troy **1.00** Rules of Engagement **2.00** 2 Broke Girls **2.25** Drifters **3.20** Hollywoods
Film4
11.00 Hills of Home (1948) **1.00** Big Business (1989) **2.55** Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982) **5.05** King Solomon's Mines (1985) **7.00** Drillbit Taylor (2008) **9.00** Double Jeopardy (1999) **11.05** Sixteen Candles (1985) **12.55** Once Upon a Time in Anatolia (2011) **4.00** Close

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Film Choices

MONDAY
Mystery Woman: Vision of a Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Bookshop owner Samantha Kinsey turns detective once more when she visits a health spa on business. One of the staff, a supposed psychic, has a vision of a woman's murder and leads Samantha to a body in the woodlands, which seems to confirm her premonition – but also puts her in the frame for the crime. Whodunit, directed by and starring Kellie Martin. (2005)

TUESDAY
First Blood, ITV, 10.35pm
Vietnam veteran John Rambo is wrongfully arrested in a backwoods town and tested to the limits of his endurance by a brutal deputy. Rambo escapes from his cell and heads out to the woods, and with the forces of the law in hot pursuit he finally has the chance to fight them on his own terms. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone, Brian Dennehy and Richard Crenna. (1982)

WEDNESDAY
Jane Doe: Vanishing Act, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The former government agent is called back into service to investigate how a computer specialist working for a government contractor managed to disappear from a plane in mid-flight, taking communication satellite software and vital defence secrets with him. Mystery, starring Lea Thompson and William R Moses. (2005)



First Blood, Tuesday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY
McBride: Requiem, Channel 5, 3.20pm
The crusading lawyer gets involved in the case of a murdered violin prodigy. The dead musician's father is convinced her fiancé was responsible, but McBride comes to his defence, and discovers the victim had a number of rivals who had the motive to kill her. Mystery, starring John Larroquette and Matt Lutz. (2006)

FRIDAY
Mystery Woman: Snapshot, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Sleuthing bookshop-owner Samantha Kinsey investigates the suspicious death of a friend. The victim had earlier complained that her greedy relatives were trying to cut her out of her brother's will and the family business, and Samantha's inquiries unearth family secrets dating back to the Second World War. Mystery, starring Kellie Martin and Clarence Williams III. (2005)

Twelve Monkeys, BBC2, 11.05pm
A time traveller from 2035 journeys back to the 1990s to discover the cause of a deadly disease that ravaged the world, only to be thrown into an asylum. But the longer he spends in the past, the more he comes to question whether he really is from the future or simply delusional. Terry Gilliam's sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis. (1995)

Pick of the Week

Robbie hopes to fine tune his team for victory

Everyone's gone football crazy, they're football mad – and if you've managed to escape the sport so far, brace yourself, because you're going to run into it very soon indeed.

That's because for the next month or so, both the BBC and ITV will be broadcasting the World Cup from Brazil, the sport's biggest and most prestigious competition.

And although British hopes rest on an unfancied England side, you can bet your bottom dollar that the nation will still be gripped to the screen, whether Roy Hodgson's men escape the group of death and make it to the knockout stages or not.

Perhaps the men in white will do better in this competition, which has been taking place every two years since 2006.

It's the brainchild of Unicef ambassador Robbie Williams, and while he might not be everybody's favourite performer, you've got to admit this is a cracking idea, one which has raised lots of money for the charity while entertaining millions across the globe.

The idea is simple: an all-star England team made up of 12 celebrities and six legendary ex-professionals (one of which must be a goalkeeper) take on a Rest of the World XI.

Both teams are coached by well-known managers, with West Ham United boss Sam Allardyce taking charge of England this time, and Chelsea's Jose Mourinho leading the Rest of the World.

"Thanks to UNICEF for asking me to manage the Rest of the World at Soccer Aid on Sunday June 8 at Old Trafford," said Mourinho when his participation was announced.

"I'm looking forward to beating Robbie Williams' and Big Sam's England team and raising money for UNICEF."

England are leading in the head-to-head so far, having been beaten just once, in 2010, on penalties.

That match raised almost £3million, while last year's raised a record £4.9million – which is pretty good going in austerly Britain. But can the figure be beaten this time around? The fact that the UK Government will

be matching the donations made by the public should certainly help. We'll have to wait and see...

Now 40, Robbie has hung up his boots and is acting as assistant manager this time around.

"Soccer Aid returns for the fifth time in June and I admit there are scores to settle," says the Robster.

"Leading the England team, I will be making sure we defend that trophy against Rest of the World. There's never been a better time for us to show our support for UNICEF."

The great joy in watching the match, which takes place at Old Trafford, is seeing unlikely team-mates together on the pitch. Where else would Stephen Moyer, John Bishop, Mark Owen and Dominic Cooper rub shoulders with Des Walker, Matt Le Tissier and Teddy Sheringham? And that's just England! The Rest of the World features an amazing line-up, including Michael Sheen, James McAvoy, Gordon Ramsay, Jeremy Renner, Alessandro Del Piero, Edgar Davids, Jaap Stam and Andriy Shevchenko.



This year's pro-celebrity football match, Soccer Aid 2014, Sunday, ITV, 6pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Gail & Me: 40 Years on Coronation Street ITV, 8pm

Has anyone in Coronation Street ever been as unlucky as Gail Potter-Tilsley-Platt-Hillman-McIntyre? She's been married five times (twice to Brian Tilsley) and widowed three times – only Martin Platt made it out alive. But she hasn't always been the downtrodden, long-suffering character we've come to know and exasperatedly shout advice at. As this documentary points out, Helen Worth was originally recruited back in 1974 to bring a little glamour and youthful energy to the cobbles. And if life on the Street has ground Gail down in the interim, that's hardly surprising, as we look back on some of her most dramatic storylines, including discovering her 13-year-old daughter was pregnant, and marrying the man she would later dub 'Norman Bates with a briefcase', serial killer Richard Hillman.

David Beckham into the Unknown BBC1, 8.30pm

The trendsetting style icon – and recently retired footballer – embarks on an Amazon adventure, mainly on motorbike, accompanied by three of his closest friends: photographer and video director Anthony Mandler, biker expert Derek White, and Dave Gardner, his manager and boyhood buddy. Before flying to Manaus, the starting point of the journey through the rainforest, Beckham enjoys a game of beach foot-volleyball with locals from Rio's Vidigal favela, but things look set to hot up when almost 800 miles of boat and bike travel brings them to a remote jungle territory, home of the Yanomami tribe.

TUESDAY
Lineker in Brazil: The Beautiful Game BBC1, 10.35pm

Gary Lineker presents this documentary examining the fascination with Brazilian football, featuring archive footage, interviews and profiles of some of the country's leading players. The World Cup's leading scorer, Ronaldo, gives an insight into the pleasure and pain of playing for his nation, while there is a look at Pele's role in cementing Brazil and Brazilian football firmly in the hearts and minds of the world. Michael Palin discusses the country's appeal and there are contributions from Rio Ferdinand, John Barnes and Michael Owen, and Brazilian model and TV host Fernanda Lima explores the roots and romance of Brazil and the Beautiful Game.

WEDNESDAY
All Star Mr & Mrs ITV, 8pm

This time around, the likes of Nigel Havers, Kian Egan, Paul Ince and Johnny Vegas are set to feature with their other halves, but the mouth-watering prospect of seeing them in action will have to wait. Opening the series will be The Hoff himself, actor and all-round media love god David Hasselhoff, who's joined by his partner Hayley Roberts, TV presenter Amanda Lamb and her cameraman husband Sean McGuinness, and singer Brian McFadden and his reality star

wife Vogue Williams. Phillip Schofield (isn't it time he took part in the show himself alongside his other half Steph?) poses the questions.

Football Hooligan & Proud Channel 5, 9pm

English supporters will be under close scrutiny during the World Cup – here's hoping the guys appearing in this documentary haven't got plane tickets to Brazil. Among them is Lee, a 37-year-old die-hard Rochdale fan who has just started his third soccer ban. "At the age of 13, I started to want to fight. I love fear," he says. Jay supports Bristol City, but because the police have stifled trouble at matches, he's joined Casuals United, a group of fans from clubs across the country who search out trouble at marches and demos. Finally there's Jason Marriner, a mainstay of the Chelsea Headhunters who is serving an eight-year ban from matches and is using his free time to write his second book about football hooliganism.

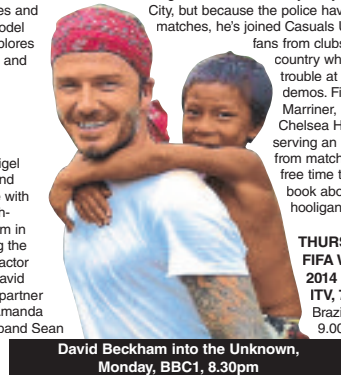
THURSDAY
FIFA World Cup Live 2014

ITV, 7pm
Brazil v Croatia (Kick-off 9.00pm). The 20th staging of the World Cup gets

under way this evening at the Arena de Sao Paulo, where the host nation begin their Group A campaign. This is the second time Brazil has hosted the tournament, with the last occasion in 1950 finishing with them as runners-up to Uruguay, and the feast of global football has remarkably not been held on South American soil since Argentina's controversial home victory of 1978. Brazil are always expected to be involved in the latter stages and have the honour of being the only nation to play in every World Cup finals, but the pressure on the Samba Boys is higher than ever this year, with nothing less than victory being acceptable to their adoring, yet hard-to-please fans. Several Premier League-based players are expected to be involved tonight, with the starting XI for the hosts looking to add their names to an illustrious list of World Cup heroes that includes the likes of Pele, Garrincha, Jairzinho, Zico and Ronaldo. They begin against a Croatian side that needed a play-off against Iceland to qualify after finishing behind Belgium in their group.

FRIDAY
The Bat Man of Mexico: Natural World BBC2, 9pm

Since he first kept vampire bats in his bathroom as a child, Mexican biologist and ecologist Rodrigo Medellin has dedicated his life to saving all species of the flying mammal. In this film, David Attenborough narrates his quest to save the endangered lesser long-nosed bat, which is crucial to the production of tequila as it pollinates the plants the drink is made from. Medellin tracks the bats' epic migration across Mexico – braving hurricanes, snakes, Mayan tombs and seas of cockroaches.



David Beckham into the Unknown, Monday, BBC1, 8.30pm

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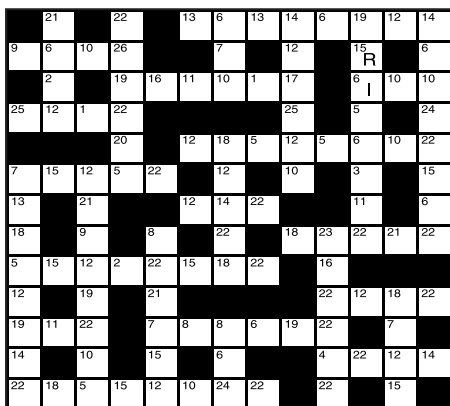
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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

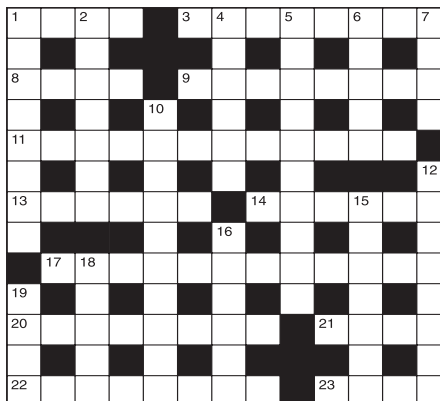
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- Endless ignominy is feigned (4)
- Insubstantial characters in various respects (8)
- Incorporated by a departed civilisation (4)
- Became a soldier and established a connection (6,2)
- Using a lubricant to smooth out the rollers (7,3,2,8,6)
- Undoubtedly a word of preference (6)
- The French fever for a confederacy (6)
- This shows the entertaining results of projection (6,6)
- See 11 Across
- 21 & 23Ac. Without precipitation (8)
- I'd returned to emphasise the suffering (8)
- See 21 Across

Down

- Captains cured fish in the ship (8)
- It needs a hundred to add up the bill (7)
- A share that's indispensable to the farmer (6)
- Secret communication will indicate self-reliance (10)
- Took the horse to the ring for cowboy exhibition (5)
- Drains the energy from simpletons (4)
- Society will keep him until he dies! (4,6)
- Sign name to show one's intentions (8)
- Dreadfully enraged by the projectile (7)
- See 11 Across
- Clubs in which mutinous sailors used to be found (5)
- Sanctum nearly finished for the boss (4)



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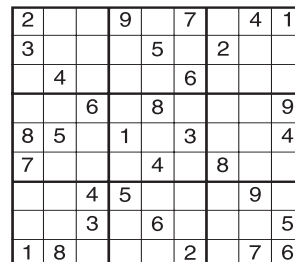
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- Ironmongery (8)
- Slender (4)
- Dissipated (8)
- Memorable date (3-6-3)
- Talented (6)
- Start (6)
- Cinema (7-5)
- Submissive (8)
- Otherwise (4)
- Fragment (8)
- Hero (4)

Down

- Waterfall (8)
- Cheat (7)
- Fly (6)
- Distracted (10)
- Boxing ring (5)
- Consumes (4)
- Walker (10)
- Airy (8)
- Mean (7)
- Fruit (6)
- Perfect (5)
- Pitch (4)

Sudoku



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Midnight oil; 9 Obscure; 10 Match; 11 Enter; 12 Crooner; 13 Occult; 15 Adhere; 18 Impulse; 20 Erica; 22 Heard; 23 Castled; 24 Intemperate. Down: 2 Inset; 3 Neutral; 4 Greece; 5 Tempo; 6 Intense; 7 Come to light; 8 Charge hands; 14 Captain; 16 Dresser; 17 Teacup; 19 Ledge; 21 Inlet. QUICK - Across: 1 Destructive; 9 Aviator; 10 Alone; 11 Regal; 12 Attract; 13 Abjure; 15 Effect; 18 Expanse; 20 Cruel; 22 Alter; 23 Edifice; 24 Orderliness. Down: 2 Eying; 3 Titular; 4 Unreal; 5 Tract; 6 Violate; 7 Carriageway; 8 Teetotaler; 14 Jupiter; 16 Faction; 17 Repeal; 19 Nurse; 21 Units.

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Two bedroom semi has tasteful improvements



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With gas central heating it has a reception hall, a lounge with an attractive fireplace and bow window, dining kitchen with an integrated oven and hob, a separate sitting room, bathroom with a white suite, driveway and lawn and a rear garden with a patio. Contact Roden Boydell on 01902 881188 or visit www.rodenboydell.com



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• INTEGRATED APPLIANCES
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• LANDSCAPED GARDENS
• IMMACULATE THRU'OUT
OFFERS BASED ON: £139,950

GORNAL

OAKLAND DRIVE
• Semi-Detached
• Hall • Lounge
• Formal Dining Area
• Fitted Kitchen • Utility
• 3 Bedrooms • Bathroom
• Garage • Gas C/Htg
• Double Glazed
• Open Rear Aspect
OFFERS BASED ON: £145,000

GORNAL

SUMMIT PLACE
• BUNGALOW
• FULLY REFURBISHED
• LUXURY ACCOMMODATION
• LOUNGE • KITCHEN DINER
• SITTING ROOM
• TWO BEDROOMS
• BATHROOM
• LANDSCAPED GARDENS
OFFERS BASED ON: £212,500

PENSNETT

REDUCED
CHAPEL COURT
• MAISONETTE
• PURPOSE BUILT 1994
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• HALL • LOUNGE
• KITCHEN
• CONSERVATORY
• ONE BEDROOM
• BATHROOM • GARDEN
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OFFERS BASED ON: £69,950

GORNAL

REDUCED
BIRD STREET
• Detached
• Cottage style
• Fully refurbished
• Lounge • Dining room
• Cloakroom
• Fitted Kitchen
• Two bedrooms
• Bathroom
OFFERS BASED ON: £99,950

GORNAL

THORNLEIGH
• Semi detached
• Extended • Hall
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£750pcm



EPC: D

Sedgley Crowesbridge Mews

- Three bed detached property
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom with shower
- Guest W/C
- Utility room

£750pcm



EPC: C

Sedgley High Holborn

- 4 bed executive flat
- Secure parking
- Fitted kitchen with white goods
- En suite
- GCH
- Underfloor heating

£750pcm



REDUCED

EPC: D

Sedgley Rowan Road

- Two bed family home
- Freshly decorated throughout
- GCH & DG
- Dining kitchen with cooker
- Available immediately

£525pcm



EPC: E

Netherton Cradley Road

- Two bed end terrace
- Unfurnished
- Fully fitted kitchen with cooker
- GCH & DG
- Impressive bathroom with corner bath and shower cubicle

£525pcm



EPC: C

Brierley Hill Byrchen Moor Gardens

- Two bed semi
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Lounge with decorative fireplace
- Bathroom with bath and separate shower cubicle
- Paved rear garden

£525pcm



EPC: D

Coseley Etingshall Road

- Two bed apartment
- Kitchen area with integrated appliances
- Breakfast bar
- Low flush W/C
- Storage heaters
- Double glazing
- Security entry system

£525pcm



EPC: D

Kingswinford Ragees Road

- Charming one bed ground floor studio flat
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fully Furnished
- Bathroom with shower cubicle
- Double glazing

£350pcm



EPC: B

Tipton Potters Brook

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TINSLEY HOUSE £360,000

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24 HILLMAN DRIVE £299,950

- DUDLEY
- Spacious & modern detached house
 - Four bedrooms, three reception rooms
 - Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
 - Second bedroom with en-suite dressing room
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



11 PORTLAND CRESCENT £222,500

- PEDMORE
- Well proportioned semi detached house
 - Three bedrooms
 - Attractively landscaped gardens
 - Sought after residential area of Stourbridge
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



THE LIMES CATHOLIC LANE £159,950-£197,500

- SEDGLEY
- Eight high quality apartments
 - Two bedrooms & ensuite shower rooms
 - Attractive communal grounds & parking
 - Communal hallway & entry phone system
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATINGS B & C



839 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD O/A £189,950

- TIPTON
- Traditional style detached property
 - Spacious extended accommodation
 - Extensive Gardens
 - Envisably positioned backing onto open countryside
 - Mining report available - cash offers
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC D



24 ASHEN CLOSE £185,000

- SEDGLEY
- Modern two bedroom detached bungalow
 - Well suited as a retirement home
 - Envisably positioned backing onto open countryside
 - Ample off street parking, attractive level rear garden
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



6 CAMBERLEY CRESCENT £164,950

- WOLVERHAMPTON
- Improved & enhanced traditional semi detached house
 - Three bedrooms, through lounge & dining room
 - Additional sitting room & utility room, downstairs wc
 - Situated on the popular Etingshall Park Estate
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



23 CROWESBRIDGE MEWS £159,950

- COSELEY
- Modern detached house
 - Three bedrooms
 - Attractively presented
 - En suite shower room
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



35 TURL'S HILL ROAD £154,950

- SEDGLEY
- Semi detached house with three bedrooms
 - Attractively presented accommodation
 - Conservatory & side utility area
 - Attractively landscaped level private rear garden
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



33 KIPLING ROAD £139,950

- LOWER GORNAL
- Semi detached house
 - Three bedrooms
 - General updating works needed
 - Excellent opportunity for discerning purchaser
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



2 CAUSEWAY ROAD O/A £134,950

- COSELEY
- Link detached house
 - Three bedrooms
 - Well presented accommodation
 - Conservatory at rear
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



14 OXFORD WAY £132,500

- TIPTON
- Modern terraced property
 - Decrepive, spacious accommodation
 - Three double bedrooms
 - Gas central heating and double glazed
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC C



18 EVE LANE £129,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- Edwardian semi detached house
 - Three bedrooms
 - Spacious accommodation
 - Two living rooms, utility area
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



18 BENNETT AVENUE £125,000

- DUDLEY
- Traditional style semi detached property
 - Three bedrooms, separate living room and dining area
 - Situated at the head of a cul-de-sac
 - Ample off street parking
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC E



130 MOUNT ROAD O/A £115,000

- LANESFIELD
- Traditional semi detached house
 - Three bedrooms
 - Larger than average plot
 - Large private rear garden
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



1 SOUTH OVAL £114,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- End terraced house
 - Two bedrooms
 - Two reception rooms
 - Gas central heating & double glazing
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



9 PRIORS MILL £104,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- Mid terraced house
 - Two bedrooms plus attic room
 - Breakfast kitchen
 - Double glazing & gas central heating
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



39 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD £99,950

- TIPTON
- Semi detached house
 - Three bedrooms
 - Partial gas central heating
 - Extended accommodation
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



9 DARBY CLOSE £99,950

- WOODCROSS
- End terraced house
 - Three bedrooms
 - Spacious accommodation
 - Occupying a corner position
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



10 EDMUND ROAD £94,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- Semi detached house
 - Two bedrooms
 - Large bathroom
 - Large garden plot
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



77 REGENT ROAD £69,950

- TIVIDALE
- First floor maisonette
 - Three bedrooms
 - Spacious accommodation
 - Gas central heating
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£349,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park

A SIGNIFICANTLY ENLARGED freehold gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been conscientiously maintained over the years, but now requires some sympathetic updating. Excellently situated upon favoured development accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, sitting room with bay, living room, enlarged kitchen, three bedrooms (possibilities of enlarging bedroom three into eaves), enlarged bathroom, lengthy garage; to block paved driveways and good sized secluded rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000

WORDSLEY



Ashdene Gardens

Forming part of this very popular cul de sac just off Balmoral Road upon highly sought after Forest Lawns / Ashwood Park, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE affords SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY RE-APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, spacious full depth lounge with dining area, attractively refitted kitchen with appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, beautifully re-appointed bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with GARAGE and enjoying a pleasant patio / lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£154,950

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Albermarle Road

Pleasantly located at the head of this popular cul de sac address just off Bromley Lane, this IMPROVED MODERN DORMER STYLE SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE is greatly enhanced by a LARGE CONSERVATORY EXTENSION and offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious full width 'L' shaped lounge, fitted kitchen, large conservatory, potential ground floor bedroom, utility room, re-appointed bathroom with separate walk-in shower and TWO / THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS (bedroom 3 approached off bedroom 2). With a GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY, CARPORT and a small low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950

LOWER GORNAL



Lawnswood Road, Thornleigh

A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential excellently situated at head of cul-de-sac with larger than average garden and good distant views. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance vestibule, reception hall, enlarged kitchen, L shape living/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, shortened garage, extensive block paved front garden, wide secluded rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,000

PENSNETT



Tansey Green Road

SPACIOUS and with NO UPWARD CHAIN a redecorated, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached set in quiet backwater. Imaginatively designed accommodation includes traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with a range of 'birch' effect units and many appliances, living/dining room, understairs store. Principal bedroom with built in double wardrobe and bathroom en suite, second bedroom with shower room en suite. Extensive block paved/gravelled parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden with decking. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £126,950

KINGSWINFORD



Nanaimo Way

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED END OF TERRACE FAMILY HOUSE which is very well placed within this sought after and established location, offering a GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., very large lounge / dining room, extended and re-appointed 'Shaker' style kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. With lawned fore gardens, together with BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a low maintenance rear garden enjoying an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950

BRIERLEY HILL



Addison Road

Enjoying a quiet setting within this renowned address, not far from local shops and other amenities, this COMPREHENSIVELY REFURBISHED and DELIGHTFULLY MODERNISED, THREE BEDROOM HOME is recommended for viewing, affording an excellent layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, yet with particular attention being brought to the RE-APPOINTED CONTEMPORARY BATHROOM and RE-FITTED MODERN BREAKFAST KITCHEN. Undoubtedly it is the INTERNAL STYLE enjoyed by the property which should be of notable appeal and it is more detail the accommodation briefly comprises: Reception Hall, attractive sitting room, re-fitted modern breakfast kitchen, guests cloakroom, landing, three first floor bedrooms and a re-appointed contemporary bathroom. Off Road Parking and Lovely Rear Garden. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating: D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£94,950

WOODCROSS



Watson Road

EXTREMELY SPACIOUS gas centrally heated and town house with potential, conveniently situated in established district. Accommodation includes reception hall, separate toilet, lounge (16'9" x 16'2") and a large dining kitchen (22'1" overall) FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, gardens. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £92,000

UPPER GORNAL



Pale Street

Plot with planning consent for 1 dwelling Full planning consent application number (P131840) approved in February 2014, for construction of a detached two bedroom dormer bungalow upon fine corner plot within walking distance of so many day amenities, bus routes, facilities etc. Plans and drawings available for inspection at Agents Sedgley office (01902 880888)

Offers in the region of £55,000

SWINDON



Baldwin Way

BACKING ONTO COUNTRYSIDE

Enjoying perhaps one of the best positions within sought after Baldwin Way, BACKING DIRECTLY ONTO COUNTRYSIDE/FIELDS, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN EXECUTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOME provides GENEROUS, BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and RE-APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, refitted Guests Cloakroom/ WC, large Sitting Room, separate Dining Room through to large Garden Room/Second Sitting Room with French doors to 'decking'/balcony, large family Dining Kitchen with appliances, Four Bedroom layout (Bedrooms 3 & 4 currently combined, could be easily reverted back) luxury refitted En-Suite Shower Room and refitted House Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With an 'OPEN' FRONT OUTLOOK the frontage includes an attractive front garden, LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and to the rear enjoying the BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED GARDEN with large block paved terrace/patio elevated above beautiful open countryside/fields. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£384,950

WORDSLEY



Kirkpatrick Drive

£10,000 REDUCTION / FIVE BEDROOMS

Enjoying an OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK onto a large green, this SUBSTANTIAL, THREE STOREY, FIVE BEDROOM, DETACHED FAMILY HOME was constructed by respected Taylor Wimpey in 2009 and offers EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, ground floor W.C., large lounge, separate dining room, beautifully appointed breakfast kitchen with built-in appliances, study / cloakroom, FIVE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (arranged upon two floors and master with LUXURY EN-SUITE), first floor house bathroom, second floor shower room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an attractively landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£289,950

DUDLEY



Breamore Crescent, Earls Keep

A substantial, imposing and particularly spacious FREEHOLD and gas centrally heated and double glazed, Bryant built family residence with potential. Having 'no upward chain' this fine home provides traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, elegant 18ft 3" (into bay) lounge separate dining room, kitchen, utility room. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS bathroom, double garage, gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £265,000

MUSHROOM GREEN



Quarry Road

A successful conversion with many appealing features, this VERY WELL PRESENTED, RATHER CHARMING, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED COTTAGE is full of character and is purported in part to date back approximately 250 years. The most surprising accommodation has both gas central heating and double glazing (vast majority of units) to comprise : IMPRESSIVE LARGE BREAKFAST KITCHEN with a fine range of units, Sitting Room, Spacious Living Room with formal dining area, Three Good Bedrooms and Attractive Large Bathroom. The property occupies a broad frontage with Well Tended Gardens, Driveway providing ample off street parking and DOUBLE GARAGE. EPC Rating: D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£264,950

GORNAL WOOD



A landmark property! Envisably situated in highly favoured district with tremendous lengthy fore garden an imposing double fronted, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached bungalow of character MAGNIFICENT PANORAMIC VIEWS that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Accommodation provides traditional reception hall (restored wood block floor), magnificent lounge with large walk in bay, double french doors out to sun patio and a multi fuel stove, 2 double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite, breakfast kitchen, walk in pantry, lobby and stores. Large 33ft8" garage/work room, extensive grounds (incorporating south facing sun patio). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £259,950

SEDGLEY



Dudley Road

An imposing exceptionally spacious FREEHOLD gas centrally heated double-fronted detached residence (with former doctors surgery to side) occupying a commanding corner plot within walking distance of open fields and so many amenities. Constructed to an exemplary standard in 1934 and with many fine period features there is TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL and the accommodation includes traditional reception hall (8'6" ceiling height), sitting room with bay, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, former surgery (effectively a fourth reception room) with 'wet room' and former waiting room/store beyond. Central landing four bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, traditional loft, grounds to front side and rear. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £255,000

DUDLEY



Priory Close

A SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, and comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed detached family residence with many fine period features set in favoured cul-de-sac, and with tremendous potential. Accommodation includes: porch, imposing reception hall, understairs store, fitted cloakroom, dining room, 17'6" lounge (with patio doors), breakfast kitchen with a large walk-in pantry, vestibule and utility room beyond. To the first floor a spacious landing, bathroom, separate w.c., three double bedrooms, and a further 25'8" fourth bedroom/hobbies room/ playroom. Lengthy garage, delightful sheltered garden backing on to school grounds. EPC Rating: F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888.

Offers in the region of £249,950

LOWER GORNAL



Deepdale Lane

An imaginatively extended, highly individual, and comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow with PANORAMIC DISTANT views from the rear set in favoured district. The property has been 'transformed' by present vendors over the years, and provides reception hall, 'smug'/litting room, magnificent 21'3" x 16' through lounge with patio doors out to a BALCONY, refitted kitchen, dining room (former bedroom). Two bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. There are steps down to a useful BASEMENT providing utility room, separate toilet & extensive storage. Large double garage, delightful gardens abutting on to school grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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EXTENDED with "Disabled/Teenagers Suite". A spacious, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached that has been significantly modernised over the years carefully retaining a number of period features set in favoured district. Superb accommodation includes; glazed porch, reception hall, understairs pantry/cloaks, dining room with bay, lounge (with double French doors out to garden), extended 18'1" breakfast kitchen with IKEA units, outer lobby/wet/shower room, fourth bedroom. To the first floor ; a central landing, and three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary suite with chrome detailing and a shower. Large GARAGE/WORK SHOP, lengthy secluded rear garden with sun patio. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888.

Offers in the region of £239,950

Paganel Drive



GORNAL / PENSNETT



3 BEDROOMS - EN-SUITE

Cassandra Close

Enjoying a generous corner position upon exclusive Badgers Rise, pleasantly located close to neighbouring fields, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND WELL APPOINTED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and offers: reception hall, ground floor W.C, spacious lounge, separate dining room, DELIGHTFUL CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, attractive fitted kitchen, utility room, THREE BEDROOMS (two fitted and master with REFITTED EN-SUITE), luxury re-appointed house bathroom. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a GENEROUS BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£204,950

QUARRY BANK



Hornden Crescent

Enjoying a lovely BROAD CORNER SETTING, this VERY SURPRISING, EXTENDED AND IMPROVED, THREE-FOUR BEDROOM VERSATILE DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Initial Hall, Reception, Pleasant Sitting Room, Extended Dining Room Area, Extended Kitchen, ADDITIONAL LARGE SITTING ROOM/ PLAYROOM, Dressing Room/Study, Guests Shower Room, Three First Floor Bedrooms (Master with ENSUITE) and Bathroom. Block Paved Drive to front, ADDITIONAL BLOCK PAVED DRIVE TO SIDE, Detached Double Garage and Enclosed Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£184,950

DUDLEY



Richborough Drive

Enviably situated, overlooking open space with tremendous spacious UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY a much enhanced gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached in favoured neighbourhood with superb accommodation including reception hall, store, upgraded fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen, transverse lounge, magnificent conservatory. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), upgraded bathroom with white suite. Gated Drive with substantial brick garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £178,500

WORDSLEY



£4,000 REDUCTION

Kinver Street

Enjoying a generous corner position within this popular and established address, this MODERN DETACHED DOMINANT STYLE HOME is enhanced by a LARGE 28'1" x 12'1" TARMED GARAGE, together with a DELIGHTFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with attractive brook feature. Internally requiring some cosmetic updating but providing FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: Entrance Porch, pleasant L shaped Lounge with Dining Area, lower hall with storage, fitted Kitchen with appliances, Bathroom with separate shower. TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED BLOCK-PAVED DRIVEWAY which provides ample off-road parking for several vehicles. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£168,950

AMBLECOTE



Hunstanton Close

DELIGHTFULLY SITUATED in a quiet cul de sac, this MUCH IMPROVED, modern style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroom link-detached home is BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED throughout, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, RE-FITTED DINING KITCHEN, two good bedrooms, RE-FITTED BATHROOM with white suite, garage, driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265.

£167,500

DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

Harvard Close

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family is situated in a cul-de-sac location and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, guest w.c. Three bedrooms (with en suite to master), bathroom with white suite. Garage, driveway and rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £169,950, NOW £164,950

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Dormston Drive

Most conveniently situated in a "backwater" within walking distance of the Bull Ring; a Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed detached comprising: entrance hallway, cloak, 24'5" through living/dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms (all with fitted wardrobes), bathroom. Extensive block paving, secluded "low maintenance" rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £162,950

PENSNETT



Tansey Green Road

A SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well placed within this popular and sought after address, offering VERY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY RE-APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, very spacious Lounge with bay window, separate Dining Room/ Children's Playroom, enlarged new spacious & refitted Breakfast Kitchen, separate Utility Room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted 'classic white' Bathroom. The property is set back beyond the BROAD PEBBLED DRIVEWAY and also enjoys a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950

DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

St. James Road

A most attractive, significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured "tree lined" road within walking distance of town centre, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights, 27'4" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay, and double French doors to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effects units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £149,950, NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £140,000

WORDSLEY



£4,000 REDUCTION

Sandringham Road

Forming part of the very popular and sought after Ashwood Park development, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT to the WELL PLANNED and WELL MAINTAINED accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: Reception Hall, spacious full width Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, refitted Shower Room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the beautifully maintained fore garden, DRIVEWAY with side approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a TWO-TIER LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£138,950

WALL HEATH



Blaze Park

Commanding a large corner position with extensive front/side lawns, this SUBSTANTIAL FAMILY END TOWNHOUSE combines an established and very popular location with a VERY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED layout of accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, large Lounge with walk-in bay, generous refitted Kitchen with built-in appliances, separate Utility Room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Set beyond the front garden with large side lawns and rear garden. EPC Rating: G. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£134,950

HOLLY HALL



Hilderic Crescent

Beautifully presented throughout, this traditional style, bay fronted, three bedroomed semi detached home is well worthy of internal inspection and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. With uPVC double glazing (where specified), and a gas central heating system, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, three bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, driveway, garage, and a lengthy rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£134,950

SEDGLEY



Bath Street

SUPERB EXTENSION! An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The accommodation includes recessed porch, reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge with double opening doors out to the decking, extended refitted kitchen with an extensive range of units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £133,950

KINGSWINFORD



£3,000 REDUCTION

Chestnut Grove

A TWO BEDROOMED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM, superbly located within a small 'cul-de-sac' approached from Ketley Road, offering an ATTRACTIVELY RE-APPOINTED layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: Reception Hall, large full width Lounge-with-Dining Area, spacious refitted Breakfast Kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (Master with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and refitted Bathroom. DRIVEWAY/PARKING to the fore and a GOOD SIZED SUNNY REAR GARDEN with outbuilding/Utility. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950

DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

Oakham Road

This most impressive, uPVC Double Glazed, warm air heated, THREE/ FOUR BEDROOM END TOWNHOUSE provides truly versatile family living space over FOUR FLOORS, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Dining /Sitting Room /Bedroom Four, Lower Ground Floor Garden Room, First Floor Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS to second floor, Garage, TWO PARKING SPACES and a beautiful, well stocked mature Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£124,950

DUDLEY



Winchester Rise

REALISTICALLY PRICED! Conscientiously maintained, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation includes: entrance porch, living room, dining room, upgraded kitchen with 'beech' effect units, three double bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £108,950

LOWER GORNAL



Central Drive

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained, modernised & significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed and 'starter home' in established district with good distant views. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, upgraded kitchen with various appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed-refitted bathroom with white suite, gardens. EPC Rating: D. BUYERS LEGAL FEES PAID TO A MAXIMUM OF £600.00. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

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NOW AVAILABLE

Heath Road

This uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom mid terrace property is situated in a popular residential location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, RE-FITTED DINING KITCHEN, three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway, and a GOOD SIZE rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£86,950

COSELEY



Caddick Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This well presented, gas centrally heated, three bedroom THIRD FLOOR FLAT that may particularly appeal to first time buyers, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The conscientiously maintained property stands in communal grounds and briefly comprises: secure entrance, welcoming hall, stylish lounge, kitchen, three good bedrooms, and bathroom with a white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £77,950

NETHERTON



NEW PRICE

Park Road

Appealing to first time buyers is this well presented traditional style 2 bedroomed gas centrally heated and majority upvc double glazed mid terrace property situated in this established residential location, and comprising, lounge, modern kitchen, bathroom, 2 first floor bedrooms, easily maintained garden to rear, in a cul de sac location. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£74,950

WOODSETTON



Roper Walk

A uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated (comb boiler), first floor flat enviably situated adjacent to and over looking adopted open space with DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation comprises reception hall, store, 17'3" living/dining room, breakfast kitchen, double bedroom with wardrobes, bathroom, shared grounds and allocated parking. EPC Rating D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £71,950

WOODSETTON



Roper Way

This part double glazed, gas centrally heated, one bedroom Ground Floor flat is situated in a quiet backwater whilst remaining convenient for local amenities and is well worthy of an internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, living room, double bedroom with a range of fitted wardrobes, bathroom with a white suite. Allocated parking space, and lawned communal grounds. PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE ON THIS PROPERTY. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £64,950

BRIERLEY HILL



NEW PRICE

Morris Court

This beautifully presented, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT is well worthy of internal inspection, and may particularly appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Secure communal Entrance / Stairs, Private Hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen with a fine range of units, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, communal grounds and allocated PARKING to rear. 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

50% Shared Ownership £40,000

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PROPERTY AUCTION - 10th JUNE 2014



71 THE LINDENS, NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Well positioned First Floor Flat with pleasant outlook. Private Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage
EPC: TBA

Guide: £53,000 / £58,000

VIEW; FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th JUNE @ 10.00 a.m.



1 LEICESTER STREET, WHITMORE REANS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Prominent position - Semi-Detached close to all local amenities. Gas CH, Two Reception, Kitchen, spacious Bathroom, Three Bedrooms (wc & wash basin En Suite to Bed 3), Rear Garden.
EPC: E.56

Guide: £75,000 / £80,000

VIEW; FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 6th & 7th JUNE @ 10.45 a.m.



71 STOURBRIDGE ROAD, SCOTTS GREEN, DUDLEY (Access between Nos. 69 & 73)

Brick built Worship Hall (now redundant) Reception Hall, Main Hall 40ft. x 19ft., ante-Room / Kitchen, w.c., Cellar.
Outside: Gents' W.C.

Guide: £30,000 / £35,000

VIEW; THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 5th & 6th JUNE @ 12.00 noon



Nos. 502 / 502A STAFFORD ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Commercial Investment - part vacant (No. 502). Prominently situated Shop Premises in busy area. Main Shop, two additional Rooms, internal and external w.c.s. First Floor (502A) separately accessed, Landing, Four Rooms, w.c. Outside: Potential parking bay. EPC: F.130

Guide: £100,000 / £110,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 6th JUNE @ 10.15 a.m.



11 CHURCHFIELD AVENUE, TIPTON

Smartly presented and amazingly spacious Three Bedroomed Flat, Lounge, Balcony, fitted Dining Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate w.c., Gas CH to radiators EPC: TBA

Guide: £33,000 / £38,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 6th JUNE @ 11.30 a.m. & SATURDAY 7th JUNE @ 10.00 a.m.



103 MERRIDALE ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Two bed Mid Terrace, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Bathroom, Side Pedestrian access & Garden at rear
EPC: D.55

Guide: £58,000 / £63,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 6th JUNE @ 2.45 p.m. & SATURDAY 7th JUNE @ 11.45 a.m.



22 WOODHALL ROAD, PENN

Popular residential area - Smart, well presented extended Three Bed Detached Porch, Reception Hall, fitted Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, fine Dining Kitchen, Laundry, galleried Landing, large Bathroom, Garage, Store, lovely Garden EPC: E.54

Guide: £195,000 / £205,000

VIEW; FRIDAY 6th JUNE @ 12.30 p.m. & SATURDAY 7th JUNE @ 11.15 a.m.



79 MERRIDALE ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Close to City Centre, large Victorian House Hall, Two Reception, Dining Kitchen, big Laundry, Shower Room, Five Bedrooms, Bathroom, drive and walled Rear Garden area
EPC: D.58

Guide: £153,000 / £158,000

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IVY HOUSE, 1 WELLINGTON ROAD, BILSTON

Substantial Residential Investment.
Prominently situated c/o Wellington Road / Mount Pleasant. Fine, imposing and well proportioned. Five Self-Contained Residential Units (one vacant). Four currently let on AST's producing £19,200 p.a.x. EPC's: F.26, G.17, F.36, F.34. Fully let estimated income £24,600 p.a.x.

Guide: £195,000 / £210,000

VIEW: THURSDAY 5th JUNE @ 2.00 p.m.. PROMPT



BRIDGNORTH ROAD, WIGHTWICK, WOLVERHAMPTON

A Plot of Freehold Land with 100ft. (approx.) road frontage and Vehicular access (shared) - may suit a variety of uses subject to Planning

Guide: £15,000 / £20,000



HEATHTON / DRAYCOTT, CLAVERLEY

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COT LANE
£425 pcm*
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Off Road Parking, Small Rear Garden, Unfurnished

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KEYES DRIVE
£425 pcm*
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

KINGSWINFORD



RANGEWAYS ROAD
£495 pcm*
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Off Road Parking, Garage, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

AMBLECOTE




MAGNOLIA WAY
£635 pcm*
Mid Terrace House, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Front & Rear Gardens, Parking for 2 Cars, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

KINVER



FOSTER CRESCENT
£360 pcm*
Large Studio Flat, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Side & Rear Garden

WORDSLEY



BELLS LANE
£725 pcm*
Semi Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Single Garage

TIVIDALE



TIVIDALE STREET
£545 pcm*
Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

HALESOWEN




BLOOMFIELD ST WEST
£525 pcm*
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

STOURBRIDGE



HUNGARY HILL
£525 pcm*
Semi Detached House, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Tandem Garage, Gardens, Unfurnished

DUDLEY



MONCRIEFFE CLOSE
£415 pcm*
Purpose Built Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Private Parking, unfurnished

NETHERTON



PURLIN WHARF
£550 pcm*
Modern Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, - Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking

SEDGLEY



QUEENS ROAD
£796 pcm*
Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Single Garage, Parking for 2 cars, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

WOODSETTON



SEDGLEY ROAD
£525 pcm*
Terraced Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

WOMBOURNE



COMMON ROAD
£595 pcm*
First Floor Flat, Entrance, Large Lounge, Good Sized Kitchen/ Diner, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Parking at Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

QUARRY BANK



NEW STREET
£675 pcm*
Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

BRIERLEY HILL



FISHER STREET
FOR SALE £92,000
Freehold Semi Detached House to comprise of: Entrance Hall, Bathroom, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor WC, Three Double Bedrooms, Benefits include: Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

KINGSWINFORD



DIGBY ROAD
FOR SALE £89,950
Ground Floor Flat close to local amenities comprising of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Inner Hall, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with over bath Shower
Benefits from: Garage and garden

QUARRY BANK



WHITE CITY ROAD
FOR SALE £99,950
Semi Detached House with No Upward Chain: Lounge, Modern Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Downstairs WC and Family Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Garage, Front and Rear Garden.

STOURBRIDGE



HUNGARY HILL
FOR SALE £112,000
Semi Detached House with No Upward Chain Includes: Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms. Benefits from: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens.

STOURBRIDGE




EVOLUTION
FOR SALE £106,000
Modern Second Floor Leasehold Flat with No Upward Chain. To include: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking

DUDLEY



TEMPLE STREET
FOR SALE £105,000
Character Freehold Mid Terrace Property with No Upward Chain. To include: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Benefits from: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Long Rear Garden.

GORNAL



WOOD ROAD
FOR SALE £149,950
Three bedroom detached property to comprise of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and a Bathroom. Benefits of the property include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage and NO UPWARD CHAIN

WORDSLEY



GEORGE STREET
FOR SALE £219,950
Impressive, Large Detached Period Property, close to local amenities, comprising of: Two Reception Rooms, Newly Fitted Kitchen, Cellar, Utility, Shower Room, Four Bedrooms, Private Rear Garden with access to carport, Gas Central Heating

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NEW



MERRY HILL
MADISON AVENUE
This delightfully presented 3 Bed End Townhouse provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom set upon three floors and is pleasantly situated in this 'contemporary' address within the grounds of Merry Hill Centre. Briefly comprises:- Hall, stylishly fitted Kitchen, Lounge, 2 First Floor Bedrooms, attractively fitted Bathroom, Second Floor Bedroom and allocated Permit Car Parking Space.EPC-C

Offers around £139,950

NEW



PENSNETT
MEDWAY CLOSE
This SUPERBLY PRESENTED and beautifully improved Modern 2 Bed Semi provides generously proportioned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning First time buyer or young family and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Briefly comprises :- Hall, spacious Lounge with Dining Area, SUPERBLY FITTED KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, 2 double Bedrooms, SUMPTUOUS RE-APPOINTED SHOWER ROOM, pleasant low maintenance front and rear Gardens and Garage to rear. EPC-C

Offers around £117,500

NEW



BRIERLEY HILL
WILLIAM STREET
With tremendous CHARM AND APPEAL in this popular and very convenient address, this VERY SPACIOUS 3 Bed End Terrace provides delightful GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family and briefly comprises :- spacious Lounge, sep Dining room, large fitted Kitchen, Downs W/C, 3 sizeable Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom and pleasant good sized lawned rear Garden. EPC-E

Offers around £99,950

NEW



BRIERLEY HILL
WELLS ROAD
This attractively presented, much improved 2 Bed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning First Time buyer or young family and is pleasantly situated just into this ever popular address. Briefly comprises :- Hall, spacious Lounge, fitted Dining Kitchen, 2 good sized Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant lawned rear Gardens with private outlook and Driveway to front. EPC-C

Offers around £99,950

NEW



HOLLY HALL
COCHRANE ROAD
This superbly presented, 2 Bed (originally 3) End Townhouse provides refreshingly spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the First Time buyer or young family and enjoys a splendid 'corner Plot' in this very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, SUPERB REFITTED DINING KITCHEN, 2 Generous Bedrooms,, Sumptuous REFITTED SHOWER ROOM, Pleasant Mature Gardens to the front, side and rear and Driveway for off road parking. EPC-TBC

Offers around £99,950

NEW



BRIERLEY HILL
THE GROVE
This superbly presented 4 Bed Detached provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DG accom ideal for the young family and is pleasantly situated overlooking PLAYING FIELDS at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. Hall, Downs W.C., spacious Lounge, sep Dining Room, Conservatory, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Laundry/Utility, 4 good Bedrooms (master with superb REFITTED EN SUITE off, REFITTED BATHROOM with shower bath, Garage, pleasant well kept rear Gardens with south westerly aspect and driveway to the front.EPC-D

Offers around £239,950

REDUCED



QUARRY BANK
BIRCH TREE GARDENS
A superb, EXTENDED Semi-Detached provides 'uniquely themed' gas Oil and Upvc DG accom ideal for the discerning young family. Porch, Hall area, SAUNA, spacious Lounge with Sun Room annex, 'open plan' sitting/Dining Room, Downs W.C., superb large Breakfast Kitchen with oven and hob and integrated appliances, CONSERVATORY WITH SPA, 2 double Bedrooms (master with sumptuous Shower En Suite off), Integral Garage (recently converted to Gym and Utility Room), pleasant rear Garden and driveway to front.EPC-D

Offers around £154,950

REDUCED



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Top Vauxhall dealership is setting a high standard

By Bob Hickman

The excellent and experienced team at Dudley Motor Company has been recognised by Vauxhall as a top performing dealership in the area.

Just recently Maria Hanbury, service advisor at Dudley Motor Company, was nominated by the company to Vauxhall head office in recognition of her consistent good customer service and has recently been presented with an award.

Maria has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the subject of Vauxhall servicing after 29 years in the industry, and 'loves all the people she meets and works with in her job'.

New face to the service team is Georgie Gordon. Georgie is an experienced service advisor, but finished her education a few years ago achieving certificates as a qualified beauty therapist, which she still continues in her spare time.

Staff at Dudley Motor Company don't need an excuse to party but celebrations were heard on Trindle Road as they marked Motability specialist, Tony Lister's, 80th birthday. 'Ol' Blue Eyes', Tony Lister, with over 50 years' experience selling Vauxhalls has accumulated a large bank of knowledge to answer any questions about the Motability Scheme.

If you are due to renew your vehicle or wondering if you or a member of your family is eligible for the scheme, then either call in at Dudley Motor Company on Trindle Road or catch Tony at Tesco, Town Gate Retail Park, Birmingham Road, Dudley DY1 4RP on Friday, June 6, between 10am and 4pm.

Motability customers in and around Dudley can be sure of receiving outstanding customer service from Dudley Motor Company as it also recently won a regional award for its work with the Motability Car Scheme. The accolade is part of a new programme of awards to reward local Motability dealerships which provide outstanding customer service in their area.

The new Dealer Awards programme is designed to ensure all Motability customers receive exemplary customer service across the dealer network. The awards are judged on how a dealer delivers the scheme to customers, which is assessed by customer feedback and reviews of their Motability performance. All winners of the quarterly awards are automatically entered into the new national, annual awards which were held for the first time in January 2014.

Positive

Peter Wilson, general manager – dealer relations at Motability operations, explains: "As the 'shopfront' of the Motability Scheme and in many cases, the first contact point for our customers, the focus of these awards is to thank our dealer partners for providing an ongoing positive customer service experience."

"Our customers continually rate the service they receive at the dealership highly but there's always room for improvement and opportunities to learn from those who are doing it really well, like Dudley Motor Company. Many congratulations to them on their award win."

Celebrating their Motability Dealer Award win, Tony Lister from Dudley Motor Company, said: "We are pleased and proud to win this Motability Dealer Award. Motability is renowned for its high standards and Dudley Motor Company is thrilled to be recognised for its dedication to working in partnership with Motability. We look forward to continuing our award-winning approach to business and customer service, and hope to do well in the upcoming annual awards."

Anyone who receives the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance, the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of Personal Independence Payment or the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement can exchange the weekly payment to lease a new car through Motability. Insurance, servicing, RAC breakdown assistance and replacement tyres are included in the cost of the lease.

For more information about the Motability Scheme contact Tony Lister on 01384 454100 or visit www.dudleymotorco.co.uk.

Dudley Motor Company's general manager, Rob Gilbert said: "We are extremely proud of Maria and Tony for their achievements over the years and indeed the enthusiasm and hard work of the rest of the team. To us customer experience is very important, so we always want to make sure that all new or returning customers are able to approach any member of the team and are well looked after."

The new Vauxhall Vivaro will soon be arriving at Dudley Motor Company.

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07/57 FIAT PUNTO DYNAMIC SPORT 1.4 3-dr, Red, 50,807 miles	£4495	£4250
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06/06 PEUGEOT 206 ALLURE CC S-A COUPE 1.6 Red, 45,006 miles	£4995	£4995
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06/06 MINI COOPER 1.6 Green, 22,890 miles	£5995	£5650
11/11 FIAT PUNTO 1.3 EVO ACTIVE Black, 48,852 miles	£5495	£4995
06/06 CORSA HATCH SXI 1.4 Black, 59,927 miles	£3695	£3695
07/57 NISSAN NOTE 1.6 ASENTA 5-dr, Red, 31,800 miles	£5295	£4995
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Drivetime

Infiniti gives a buzz to luxury end of market

By Bill McCarthy

Infiniti for many, could conjure up images of children's favourite Buzz Lightyear. So for those people still in the dark about Infiniti, the start of the Formula 1 season will give ample reminders.

The Japanese car maker, the luxury arm of Nissan, sponsors the Red Bull racing team. And while the brand, launched in the UK continues to grow slowly in the public's consciousness, it has been around for more than 25 years, gaining particular success in America.

Standout

The cars are at the executive, luxury end of the market and offer a combination of standout design, powerful engines and cutting edge technology.

The also offer a high level of standard equipment across the range, which can add many thousands to the prices of their competitors.

No better example perhaps of this is the new Q50, a luxury saloon which is packed with technology and features a new, 2.1 litre diesel engine sourced from Mercedes, plus a hybrid version. It also marks the first car in the Q or QX range, which will brand all their cars, right up to the Formula 1 Q100 driven by Sebastian Vettel.

It is an eye-catching car both inside and



out and definitely food for thought for its German rivals. The turbocharged diesel gives the car decent acceleration and excellent economy, plus, importantly, low CO2 emissions which make it a real option in the all-important business sector. Emissions of just 114 g/km put it in the lowest benefit in kind taxation bracket and while the claimed 64-odd mpg average consumption seemed optimistic, the car was easily in the mid-50s range.

The 170PS diesel has plenty of urge, propelling the vehicle to 60mph from a standing start in just 8.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 144mpg.

But it is not all about the power. This is a

refined unit with little diesel clatter and what engine, road and wind noise there is, is effectively muffled by the car's soundproofing system. Transmission is delivered via a slick-shifting six speed gearbox sending drive to the rear wheels.

Another advantage is how the car looks, a distinct difference to the German market leaders and always attracting curiosity. It has flowing, yet muscular lines, eye-catching headlight and rear light clusters, twin exhausts twin, five-spoke 17-inch alloys and off course the Infiniti badge.

The exterior is also protected with the firms 'healing' paint, which self repairs small scratches.

Inside the car is both roomy and comfortable. It has the longest wheelbase in its class so both front and rear occupants get good head and leg room. It also features a huge 500 litre boot and the rear seat splits 60/40 for extra luggage space and there is access to the boot through the rear centre armrest.

The layout of the dash and controls is neat and logical while the dash features a battery of hi-tech equipment, dominated by the central dual touchscreen which looks pretty much like a computer tablet with its swipeable screen.

Expensive

For the most part fixtures and fitting are high class, but the expensive feeling soft touch finish in some areas is let down by some lower grade plastics.

The steering wheel is also multi function and the car features the now-commonplace push button starter.

Needless to say luxury cars need to ride well and the Q50 is a comfortable car to be a passenger and driver and although perhaps not the most dynamic of models, it still feels sure footed and grips well on corners.

At just over £30k this is a lot of car for the money. Whether it can attract the potential buyers from the established German brands remains to be seen but throw in standard kit like Infiniti Drive Mode Selector, Bluetooth, rear view camera, zone adaptive climate control, six-speaker sound system and heated leather seats and it looks an attractive package.

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Mole is on board for new track project

CRADLEY have brought Tony Mole on board to take responsibility for their new track project, writes Nigel Pearson.

Mole, the British Speedway President, has an unequalled record in bringing the sport back to areas of the country which have been starved of speedway for years.

And although the Heathens are thriving at their shared Wolverhampton base, the management remain determined to take them to a new home.

Club spokesman Gary Patchett said: "Tony will need no introduction to our supporters after all but bringing the club to a new home in Colley Gate nearly 10-years ago and his success in bringing defunct clubs back to the sport is unparalleled.

"Tony's brief will be to advise on any site possibilities but with a specific focus on the potential site we have had on the radar for some time."

Mole was the man responsible for taking the sport back to Workington in 1999 and Birmingham in 2007. Heathens are next in action on Saturday, June 14, when they go to Devon - and the following afternoon Steve Worrall and Max Clegg represent the club at the National League Pairs.

Team needs old hands, says Taylor

IAN TAYLOR is urging Villa to invest in experience if they are going to improve.

The claret and blue legend insisted the lack of players going to the World Cup highlights the need for new blood. Brad Guzan and Ron Vlaar are the only two Villa players heading to Brazil after Vlaar's selection for the final Netherlands squad was rubber-stamped.

Villa have struggled in the Premier League and boss Paul Lambert has admitted he needs to buy experience to avoid another battle against relegation. "In World Cup year we used to have most of our team go away and now we have two in the whole squad and they are not English," said Taylor.

Aston is looking to lay his mark down

HOMETOWN hero Ryan Aston will be looking to "make a statement" in the light middleweight division when he tangles with European opposition at Dudley's the Venue.

"Tank" has been pitted against Bulgarian bruiser Stanislav Nenkov, who boxed in the West Midlands against Midlands champion Jason Welborn earlier this month.

The two will tangle in the main event on June 7, with Nenkov stepping in as a replacement for now-retired Brummie Terry Carruthers.

Aston boxes in Dudley for the first time

Boxing

in his 13 fight, three-year pro career and is desperate for ring time, the 23-year-old having not boxed for eight months.

Nenkov, just 19, lasted the 10-round distance with Welborn at Walsall Town Hall and will hope to do the same to another prospect in the division, looking to break through to national level.

Aston said: "There's something riding on this fight again, this lad went the distance with Jason and he's got himself a British

title eliminator now. If I can get Nenkov out of there early, it would show that I don't fear anybody at light middleweight. This is the year where I want to be stepping up.

"I was there that night when Jason fought him, so I know he will come forward and have a go. Once you pressure him, he goes into defensive mode, so I need to make him miss.

"A stoppage is the statement I want to make and I just need to get in there now, it's been too long since my last fight."

Carruthers, who was defeated by Welborn for the area crown last year, took the

fight and then surprisingly hung his gloves.

Stable-mate and former British title challenger Max Maxwell was offered the fight, but passed to concentrate on his upcoming retirement bout.

The durable Nenkov has now been handed the mantle, but Aston insists his training camp has left him focused on picking up the 'W,' regardless of the opponent.

He said: "It was a shame I couldn't box Carruthers. For more information, call promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157. The Venue can be contacted on 01384 459 800.

Pubs ready for the World Cup bonanza

IT'S not long now until the whole country unites to share the agony, ecstasy and, historically, disappointment when England play in a major tournament.

And while fans get ready to paint themselves red and white and declare their love for St George and the Three Lions pubs in the Midlands are hoping the World Cup will provide a much-welcome boost.

They could be seeing even more pour through the doors than would normally be expected after it emerged there won't be any large scale public screening of games in the Black Country, Staffordshire and Birmingham.

That's because councils in the region have snubbed the chance to show England's World Cup games in Brazil on big screens in parks and town centres.

Instead bars in the Midlands are rubbing their hands at the prospect of bumper takings with the first game against Italy taking place 11pm on June 14.

None of the four Black Country councils, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley will host outdoor events showing the games.

In addition Cannock, South Staffordshire and Stafford councils won't be providing a site for England fans to enjoy the sun and the football.

And Birmingham City Council, which has held public events at Millennium Point and Victoria Square in the city centre in the past, has no plans to shows Roy's boys in Brazil.

Wolverhampton City Council spokesman Gurdip

Football

Thandi said: "There are currently no plans to arrange for a big screen to be installed at a city venue to televise World Cup games during the summer.

"The council endorsed the Government's proposals to relax licensing hours during England matches which will support the city's pubs."

Government ministers gave the go-ahead for local authorities to allow pubs and bars to stay open for longer during the World Cup.

The rulings allowed pubs could stay open for up to four hours after each England match kicks off, although no alcohol can be served after 1am.

Previously licensed premises had to apply for Temporary Event Notices.

One Black Country sports bar boss says plans for authorities not to stage large gathering for games will be to the benefit of licensees."

In Wolverhampton, Hogshead in the city centre has decorated its bar with flags of the countries in the tournament and will be screening England games in the bar and in its outside area.

The Royal London, on

Charlotte paddles the opposition for title



Charlotte Bardsley, aged 12, from Woodfield Table Tennis Club, Penn, Wolverhampton has won her first

A YOUNG table tennis ace from a Wolverhampton club has won her first national title after battling back from the brink of elimination.

Charlotte Bardsley, aged 12 and who plays at Woodfield Table Tennis Club, Penn, Wolverhampton, claimed the national Under-12 girls' singles crown in Doncaster on Sunday.

But she was forced to dig deep in the semi-final as she fought back from 2-0 down against Alice Dillon

to win a five-set thriller 6-11, 3-11, 11-9, 11-7, 11-4.

The final against Amelia Chan was more routine as she triumphed 3-1 (11-7, 12-10, 10-12, 11-5).

"I feel really happy and proud," said Bardsley, of Kinner who attends Heathfields School in Wolverley, Kidderminster.

"I thought I was buried in the semi-final, but when I won the third set I got my confidence back and

focused a bit more. I think to win a title you need determination, hard work and being able to listen, and I'm grateful to my coach and parents as well."

Charlotte's father Richard said: "She only started playing in January last year so she has done really well to achieve what she has.

"She has won a lot of tournaments already but nothing as big as this one..."

Beacon fall to league toppers

Tales from The Bratch BEACON came up short in their clash with Staffs Clubs Premier Division table-toppers Pelsall.

A middle order batting collapse ended Beacon's hopes after they had been well placed to record a victory over the pre-season favourites for promotion.

Chasing 196 to win, Beacon were 100-3 thanks to an impressive partnership from Richard Wissing (67) and Matt Tonks (27). But, despite some late resistance from Ollie Green (26) and Mike Hartwell (23) the hosts lost their last seven wickets for 75 runs. Beacon's Todd Henderson was the chief destroyer with 6-26. Beacon's second team also tasted defeat by Pelsall.

Spinner Harry Hodgetts took 5-52 as Pelsall totalled 210-6.

Shaun Laban then fought a lone battle with the bat for Beacon, top scoring with 90 as they were bowled out for 143.

There was no joy for the third XI either as they lost a low scoring game against Wombourne. Andrew Harvey bagged 3-6 to help dismiss Wombourne for 93.

But Beacon were rolled over for just 51 in reply. The fourth team lost by five wickets to Old Wulfrunians Tettenhall.

Keane in frame for Villa No.2

ROY KEANE has emerged as a shock contender to assist Paul Lambert as the Villa boss closed in on his No.2 today.

Ireland assistant Keane is on the verge of joining the claret and blues after rejecting the chance to manage Celtic.

Despite the club's impending sale Lambert has been looking for new coaching staff since No.2 Ian Culverhouse and head of football operations Gary Karsa were sacked for unconfirmed disciplinary issues last month.

Gordon Cowans and Shay Given were promoted to aid the first team but Lambert wants a permanent assistant.

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Thorne is not for sale, say Albion

ALBION will tell Derby that George Thorne is not for sale despite the midfielder's astonishing weekend outburst over his future.

Thorne risked the wrath of the Baggies and their fans by claiming his heart is no longer at The Hawthorns and insisted he would not return to Albion to sit on the bench.

Derby are preparing a bid for Thorne after his successful loan spell helped Steve McClaren's men reach the Championship play-off final last season.

But the Baggies have decided to play hardball in the potential summer wrangle and will tell Rams officials they are unwilling to sell the 21-year-old, who emerged from the academy at his parent club. Thorne is due to return to Albion when the squad report for pre-season training early next month but he told a Sunday newspaper: "I felt like a squad player at West Brom and most times not even that."

"I've never really had a sustained spell or a chance and enough's enough. On my mind now is playing football and Derby is a very good option for me. Anyone who knows me will tell you that, compared to how I have been, I'm much happier now. I felt at home at Derby, which I certainly didn't at West Brom."

Walsall kitted out for action

DEAN Smith has hailed Walsall's attractive "brand" and claimed it will help encourage players to join this summer.

The Saddlers are celebrating good news off the pitch, after signing a new three-year shirt sponsorship deal with HomeServe.

And Smith is confident of success on the pitch next season, as he looks to add more bite to a playing squad which was in the top half of League One for almost all of last term.

While he operates with one of the division's smallest playing budgets, Smith believes the club's philosophy of both playing and doing things the right way has made them an attractive package to players.

"I recently sat down with the chairman and the chief executive and told them I think as a brand, our club is in a good place," he said.

Squad grab crucial points in table race

Stourbridge 1st XI 96-1 Water Orton 95
Stourbridge win

STOURBRIDGE Firsts were able to snap up crucial points in the race for the coveted top two positions in Division two of the Birmingham and District Premiere League.

The Memorial Ground outfit outplayed the visitors, Water Orton first XI and bagged maximum 24 points to remain in the second spot on 85 points. Leamington Spa leads the pack on 94 points. Stour are well placed 24 points ahead of Brewood in third position, writes Harilal Patel.

Water Orton skipper Stephen Bevan's

Cricket

decision to bat first back fired big time as his side crumbled to 53-7 and all out for 95 batting just 38 overs of the 50 available.

Late 40 runs partnership between Gary Crouch (24) and No.8 Sukhjit Singh (31) saved embarrassment. Andy Alexander, a left hand leggy, destroyed the middle order taking the wickets of Harry Bennett, caught behind for 19; Gary Crouch LBW, and bowled Grant Roscorla for a duck all three fell on 53.

Worse followed with the fall of the fourth

wicket on the same score Bilal Hassan deceiving Mathew Ringin caught for a duck. Alexander's three wickets cost 22 off 12 overs.

Stour openers Alex Bingham and Steve Game batted with purpose. Stour reached the required target in 22 overs. Game was the only one out falling LBW to spinner Stephen Bevan for 15.

Bingham remained not out on 50 seeing his team home with the Skipper Richard Bradley (no) on 29. **Water Orton 2nd XI 145 S-bridge 2nd XI**

Stourbridge win

Skipper Mikesh Patel called right and asked the opposition to bat first. The decision paid dividends in, not only bowling out Water Orton for a low total, but he returned his best bowling figures of the season taking a fiver for 27 off 11 overs. No.3 Shaluka Devind top scored with 64. Stours emerging young prospects Tom Westwood 57 (no) and Will Jennings (43) backed up their skippers' bowling feat by seeing their side to victory in the 32nd over.

Stourbridge 4th XI 155 XI West Malvern 2nd XI 180-9

West Malvern win

Get team sorted soon – McAuley

GARETH McAULEY has urged Albion to finalise their squad for the start of pre-season training as the head coach hunt prepared to enter its fourth week.

The Baggies hope to make headway in the next few days in the search for Pepe Mel's successor as concerns grow behind the scenes that further delays could see them miss out on their top transfer targets.

McAuley is keen for the club to do their transfer business early to avoid a repeat of last season, when they never recovered from a poor start and avoided relegation by just three points. "There is a lot of work to go on," said McAuley.

"We need to get the new players in and, when we go away for pre-season, that's the best time for everyone to be in because you're working on stuff."

"If you do it just before the start of the new season, new faces pop up and they don't know what you've been working on for the previous five or six weeks and it's difficult for them to get going."

"Hopefully we can get things sorted as early as possible."

Demetriou will join the Shrews

DEFENDER Mickey Demetriou has left Kidderminster Harriers after agreeing a deal with League Two Shrewsbury Town.

The 24-year-old England C international has agreed to a two-year contract with the Shropshire club.

Demetriou made 122 appearances for Harriers after joining from Eastbourne.

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ROWE SIGNS A TWO-YEAR DEAL

FORMER Peterborough captain Tommy Rowe has signed a two-year deal with Wolves.

The 25-year-old, who was a free transfer after running down his contract at London Road, has become the first signing of Kenny Jackett's second summer at the club.

The player has been the subject of interest to a clutch of Championship clubs led by Blackburn, Middlesbrough and Leeds.

But Wolves have always been at the head of the queue and Rowe's deal was sealed on Tuesday afternoon.

Wolves, who are also planning a renewed bid for Sheffield United target Harry Maguire, are looking to make four or five key acquisitions this summer in readiness for the Championship push and Rowe is the first of them.

He is known for his flexibility across the left-hand side of the team as well as bringing a goal touch from his specialist wing position.

Disappointment

While Rowe hopes to become the latest in a long line of successes for Jackett in the transfer market, the head coach is eager to stress he has not lost faith in his one disappointment so far.

Jackett continues to back Leon Clarke, who at £750,000 was his most expensive signing last season, to come good after fresh transfer speculation cast doubts over his future this week.

Clarke scored only one goal during the League One title romp and found himself

Football

at the centre of mysterious transfer speculation over the weekend when an improbable season-long loan to Crawley Town was mooted.

It was swiftly dismissed by both clubs but it raised again Clarke's struggle to make an impact on his second career with his 'home town' club.

But Jackett believes the player has been a victim of circumstance.

"He could see the benefits of playing 4-3-3 because of how good it's been for us and also the form of Nouha Dicko was very good and very potent," said Jackett.

"He understood that and generally while you're going very well and it looks like you're heading up a level, players out of the team are generally happier. He was only one step from the side."

but generally in winning teams, people out of the team don't complain.

"It's when you're at the bottom and you're losing on a regular basis that the people out of the team get very restless and that was the case this season."

"The spirit and the attitude of that group was very focused."

Crash tragedy brings British rally to a halt



Richard Sykes' rally was beset by problems before it was stopped due to a tragic accident

STOURBRIDGE'S Richard Sykes won a tense battle in the British Rally Championship (BRC) Challenge category of the Jim Clark rally last weekend.

However, the event ended in tragic circumstances with an accident involving some spectators.

Sykes endured a difficult run up to the rally. The Bathams Brewery and G I Sykes Ltd-supported Citroën C2 R200 was involved in an accident

while on its way back from a test facility. However, after extensive work the car was back on track. The BRC Challenge rally started on Friday night with a stage around Duns town centre. Sykes was quickly into his stride, setting the fastest time by nearly three seconds from Ross Hunter. The fastest times continued on stages two and three which allowed Sykes to take a nine second overnight lead.

Despite overheating problems Sykes was able to maintain his lead up until stage 14 when Hunter overhauled him.

Sykes charged through the 11 miles of stage 16 over 13 seconds quicker than Hunter to lead by two seconds. There should have been two more stages but sadly an accident caused the event to be stopped.

Tragically some spectators died after being hit by a car..

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